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Paul Alexander's fishing boat was boarded by French customs officers while on a chartered trip

■ BY NICK AMES

A FISHING boat captain has branded French customs officials "pirates" after he was handcuffed at sea and held at gunpoint while they demanded cash.

Eight heavily-armed officers stormed on to Paul Alexander's £200,000 vessel the Jolly Fisherman after he took a charter party out of Dover on a fishing trip. The boat was six miles from Boulogne when it was boarded by the gun-toting customs men.

They asked those on the boat how much money they had on them and were told "around £400". They then demanded a "fine" of 450 euros although refused to say exactly what it was for.

"It was piracy. It's a simple at that," said Mr Alexander, from Dover, who admitted that he was terrified someone would get shot. The officers boarded from a fast rigid inflatable boat which continually bumped into the side of the Jolly Fisherman.

"I asked them to move away as it was damaging my boat, but they put me in handcuffs," said Mr Alexander. "They kept asking to see our papers, which were all in order. They kept on about the fine, but I wouldn't pay it as we had done nothing wrong. I knew they would just line their pockets with the money."

"They were talking to one another in French and I couldn't really make out what they were saying – but they said something about 'aggressive behaviour at sea', whatever that is."

The boat with its captain and party of 10 fishermen was taken into Boulogne harbour with Mr Alexander still in handcuffs.

"They kept those cuffs on for five hours and my hands and arms were totally numb," he said.

The captain was then dumped in a police cell while a translator was found and more police summoned.

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Formula One dream comes true for James

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A YOUNG Formula One fan from Dover had his dreams come true when he became Bernie Ecclestone's VIP guest at Silverstone.

James Poulton, 12, was one of 30 patients at Great Ormond Street Hospital to be chosen to attend the 2009 Formula One Santander British Grand Prix on Friday.

The youngster, who attends Sir Roger Manwood's School in Sandwich, was born with a congenital disease called pseudo-arthritis, which went undetected until he was seven years old.

The condition affects his right tibia and has led to regular trips to the London hospital for treatment and surgery.

Independence

His father John said: "It's a very rare condition and I think it gets harder for him as he becomes more aware with age.

"He wants to do as much as he can, though, and his school has been brilliant. He uses crutches but can ride a bike sometimes, depending on how he is, which gives him independence. "He sometimes has to use a wheel-chair, too."

James has had several operations to remove parts of his bone and has had a metal leg-frame fitted.

But the youngster still gets stuck in and on Friday last week he became a special guest at what could be the last Formula One held at Silverstone following financial problems at the track.

His father said James described the day as "cool, brilliant, great".

John said: "It was fantastic. Although James didn't meet any of the drivers, he saw Jackie Stewart



F1 FAN: James Poulton, pictured at last year's event with driver Lewis Hamilton

and went into the pits. He likes Formula One, but it's the drivers he's most interested in.

"It was a great atmosphere as so many people went in case it was the last one held there.

"It was a good way for the charity to raise money and promote awareness."

Formula One and Great Ormond Street are now working together to raise funds for the building of the hospital's heart and lung centre.

For more information about the Great Ormond Street Hospital charity, or to make a donation, you can visit www.gosh.org.

MP Gwyn: I'll publish expenses on the web

LABOUR MP Gwyn Prosser has vowed to publish his expenses in full with nothing blacked out.

Mr Prosser, who represents Dover and Deal, said he understood why people were upset by the recent publication of expenses, where particular details were covered up by Westminster authorities.

Many slammed the move by Parliament, stating that had the allowances not previously been exposed by The Daily Telegraph, the public would still be in the dark about the full abuse of expenses by some MPs.

But Mr Prosser – who was named by the newspaper regarding work on his second home – said he would publish his allowances in full, without the heavy censors.

"Like most of my colleagues, I have got nothing to cover up and I am more than willing to invite the Press to my office to examine my unredacted accounts," he said. "And once I have assurances of the legal position I'll publish the lot on my website."

He criticised Parliamentary authorities for being over-protective after they warned MPs that publication of raw accounts could make them liable for prosecution under the Data Protection Act.

Chocolate

Despite the blacked-out parts, Mr Prosser has come under fire by Tory rival Charlie Elphicke.

He told this newspaper there were items on Mr Prosser's accounts that he felt should not be down to the taxpayer to fund, including kitchen utensils and chocolate.

"In the middle of a recession, many families in Dover and Deal are struggling to buy knives, forks or toasters and many families cannot replace their washing machine," he said.

"They will ask how it can be right that Mr Prosser can claim all this tax free on the public ticket.

"We now need to rebuild trust and confidence in the system, get rid of all this personal expense and have an independent body to set MPs' salaries at the right rate for the long term."

Mr Prosser's expenses can be viewed at www.parliament.uk.

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Venue hoping to bring clubbers back to town

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A NEW nightclub is set to bring glitz and glamour to Dover's social scene.

Club Karma, on Adrian Street, is in the throes of an extreme makeover in which owner Sonal Gupta is transforming the venue into one more likely to be seen in one of London's top nightspots.

The 24-year-old, who bought the premises 18 months ago, hopes his new venture will make people forget about the previous club there, which had come under fire for alleged violence and drug use.

NuAge, which closed several years ago, was dubbed Underage or Fight Club by its regulars.

But Sonal and his team are determined to bring in a different clientele and have made security their top priority for the one nightclub in Dover.

"Anyone that was banned from the previous club will still be barred when we open," said Sonal.

"We have 38 cameras as well as about 12 door staff – we're determined not to let trouble-makers ruin other people's nights out. At week-ends it will be over-21s and everyone will be searched on entry.

"We're considering a biometric system so we have people's details in case there is any trouble. This will also make entry so much quicker."

The new club, which opens in six weeks, has three main areas: the chill-out Buddha bar, opening at 5pm for after-work drinkers; the Divas bar, which will open at 10pm; and the



MAKEOVER: Security will be a top priority at Club Karma, says owner Sonal Gupta (right)



VIP spot, which will also open at 10pm but host guest DJs and valued customers, who will be able to enjoy table service.

Oli Nonis, 29, who runs Akon Security, said: "We want this to be a more professional, affluent place for people to go. There is a stigma attached to Dover and we want that to change.

"We want people from Folkestone, Canterbury and other areas of Kent to come here for a night out. We're even looking at the possibility of shuttle buses so people can get here from other towns."

Specialist music nights will be held some Wednesdays and Thursdays, and resident and special guest DJs will provide the beats.

Javier Lopez, 26, former bar manager at The Cuban in Canterbury, has already created a selection of cocktails for customers. He will manage the bars at the new club.

A membership system is being set up offering perks to valued customers.

Sonal said: "There are no nightclubs in Dover, so people go out of town to socialise. This place will bring people back."

Flag pays tribute to Armed Forces

A FLAG has been raised outside Maison Dieu House in Dover in honour of the Armed Forces.

Officials from across the district joined the sea cadets and mayors from Dover, Deal and Sandwich to mark the lead-up to the first British Armed Forces Day with a flag-raising ceremony.

The flag will come down on Monday, June 29, and be presented to a veteran until next year.

The Mayor of Dover, Sue Jones, said: "It was a landmark occasion and everyone there was touched by the experience as we thought of what our Armed Forces are called to do for us throughout the world."

Masonic open day

FOR the first time in 300 years the freemasons of east Kent have opened the doors of their lodge to the public.

Two open days were held at the Masonic Hall in Snargate Street in Dover to allow people a glimpse into the working of the masons.

Brian Powell, assistant Provincial Grand Master of the freemasons in east Kent, spoke to people about the history of the group. The Mayor of Dover, Sue Jones, attended the event.

Robbery bid case

A MAN from Dover has been charged with attempted robbery following an incident at Crabble Post Office.

Sean Gillespie, 43, of Edred Road, was arrested shortly after the alleged robbery at the shop in Buckland Road on Saturday, June 20, at 10.30am.

He was charged with possession of a knife in a public place and attempted robbery, and was remanded in custody to appear at crown court next month.

Customs crew 'like pirates'

FROM FRONT PAGE

"Eventually an officer arrived and had a brief look at a computer screen," said Mr Alexander.

"After about a minute he told me I was free to go, and no charges would be filed. There was also no fine. It showed what a farce the whole thing was."

The party of fishermen all stood by the skipper during his time in the cell.

"At one stage I said I'd pay up so we could all go home, but they told me not to give in," Mr Alexander said.

"I feel angry. This act should not be ignored. It really was piracy – just trying to rob a party on a boat doing no one any harm."

"When they boarded us we got in touch with the British Consulate, who called the boat – but the French just cut communications. That is how arrogant they are."

"I was finally told I could go nine-and-a-half hours after the whole thing started, which is just unacceptable."

"I was told to contact the French authorities if I want to make a protest, but I don't know if that'll do any good."

A spokesman for the French Police said customs officers had the right to board any boat they thought was in any way suspicious inside French territorial waters.

Alcohol warnings are on the cards for a safer night out

PLAYING cards displaying warnings about excess drinking are being handed out to people in Dover.

The idea is to make people aware of problems linked to drinking by offering helpful hints about how to stay safe when out socialising.

Advice and contact details about where to get help are also displayed on the cards for people who drink heavily.

The campaign has been launched by the Dover District Community Safety Partnership, which is made up of organisations including Dover District Council, the county council, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue and the NHS.

Alcohol help groups from across the county are also involved.

Nadeem Aziz, chair of the partnership, said: "We are launching this campaign to make people think about their drinking and to help improve quality of life throughout the district."

Officials believe that alcohol misuse could soar as temperatures rise.



GOOD ADVICE: Members of the Dover District Community Safety Partnership

Mr Aziz said: "We hope the playing cards will help get the message across and help everyone have a great deal of fun this summer."

They will be given out at events across the district, including the community safety day at Pencester Gardens in Dover on July 11.

For more information about the safety partnership, see www.doverdc.co.uk/community/community_safety_partnership.aspx.

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Friendship is the winner at festival

SPORTS teams from Dover and Calais have come head to head at the annual Festival of Sport.

A total of 270 competitors took part in the event, which was held at venues around the French town, with 600 people involved in the organisation.

Participants from Dover competed against their French counterparts in sports including football, hockey, rugby, petanque, shooting and water polo.

Calais just came out on top, winning by two points.

Monsieur Jean-Marc Leroy, deputy mayor of Calais, said: "Graciously winning, while relevant, is not the objective.

"The objective is the communications and interplay between our two countries which grows more successful each year."

Henry VIII joins coronation party

KING Henry VIII is (sort of) paying a visit to Dover Castle at the weekend to witness the firing of his new cannons.

His character will be joined by Queen Catherine, and the two of them will join in with the last of a month-long series of Tudor events, marking Henry VIII's coronation 500 years ago.

Visitors are invited to enjoy the celebrations and meet the royal jester.

German Landsknechts soldiers will be on parade while Henry VIII inspects a new Culverin cannon towed by horses.

The event runs from 10am-5pm on both Saturday and Sunday and normal admission prices apply: adults £10, concessions £8, children £5 and family tickets £25.

English Heritage members get in free.

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High-speed trains to bring spending power to town

■ BY MARIJKE COX

THE countdown has started for the arrival of the new high-speed rail service to Dover.

In six months' time, commuters doing the daily trek to London will be able to knock 38 minutes off their journey time, arriving in St Pancras from Dover Priory in 74 minutes.

The new Japanese Hitachi trains will be operated by SouthEastern with top speeds reaching 140mph, meaning travel times are slashed across the county.

Last week, travel officials tested the new javelin trains on local rail lines running from Dover Priory to London to ascertain journey times and make sure the network was capable of supporting them.

Nigel Collor, portfolio holder for access and property management at Dover District Council, said he was pleased with how things were moving forward.

The Cabinet member – who has just won a seat at County Hall representing Dover Town –

was instrumental in bringing the service to the district.

He said: "Initially the trains were going to terminate at Folkestone – we found that all the areas around us were going to benefit except us.

"It was a tough battle. We worked together with stakeholders to find out if they wanted the service and after a lot of hard work the Government agreed to purchase another train unit."

Cllr Collor said the new link had already had an impact on the town by helping DDC get growth-point status.

"Once it's up and running, it will become even more significant," he said.

"People can go and work in London and bring the spending power back to Dover. Or those looking to move out of the city but still work there may consider Dover as a place to live.

"Families will also find it a lot easier to come down here for weekends away, bringing more tourism to the town."

SouthEastern says the new service will increase capacity by five per cent during peak hours, in what will be the largest change to the timetables in 40 years.

Charles Horton, managing director of the company, said: "We are a growing railway for a growing region.

"Improved transport links are vital to the economic success of the South East and the clock is now ticking towards the arrival of the high-speed services."

The 29 trains being used across the SouthEastern network are six carriages long and seat 338 people, with a capacity for some 500 with standing.

However, the trains will often be hooked together to form 12-car formations, meaning about 1,000 people will be able to travel on each at peak times. For further information, visit www.southeasternrailway.co.uk.



JOANNA IS A CLASS APART

Actress Joanna Lumley is paying a visit to Guston Church of England Primary School in Dover.

The AbFab star, who was at the forefront of the recent Gurkha campaign, will open the school fete at Burgoyne Heights at 10.30am on Saturday.

Her visit comes just after the Nepalese soldiers were granted the right to live in Britain, and she is pictured at last week's ceremony in Folkestone during which they were given the freedom of the town.

More than 60 per cent of pupils at Guston Primary are Gurkha children of soldiers serving in the 2nd Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles.

Head-teacher Deby Allen said everyone at the school was excited about the visit.

"It's great she's coming here. It's very relevant to this school as 60-70 per cent of our pupils are Gurkha children.

"It's also a significant time for her to come as the 2nd Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles are being deployed elsewhere and so some of the children will be leaving.

"It will be a nice way to round off the year."



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CLEAN-UP: Kirk Alexander from the White Cliffs Countryside Project tackles the mess left by fly-tippers

Help us to catch fly-tippers, say campaigners

A WAR on fly-tipping in the district has begun, with local people being urged to join ranks and help save the countryside from the thoughtless, the dirty and the criminal.

Environmental crime such as abandoning vehicles, setting fire to rubbish and dumping furniture is being targeted through the new Clean Kent Watch campaign – and residents are being asked to play a role in the venture to help put a stop to the growing problems.

“The support of the local community is key to the success of the Clean Kent Watch,” said David Alford, of Neighbourhood Watch Kent. “Whether you’ve spotted someone dumping a fridge or spraying graffiti, by calling the watch hotline you can help tackle environmental crime and antisocial behaviour and make a real difference to where you live.”

Teams of volunteers from the White Cliffs Countryside Project (WCCP) already dedicate much of their time to clean-ups.

Kirk Alexander, project manager for WCCP, said: “We’ve had volunteers keeping an eye on things for years, so it’s great that the public are now being actively encouraged to keep their eyes and ears open. We can’t be everywhere at once.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

“I’m not saying fly-tipping is out of control here, but there are certain areas where there are problems.

“Our volunteers sometimes catch people in the act and we then report them, which can lead to prosecution.”

The new campaign, led by the county council in partnership with district councils, Kent Police, the Crown Prosecution Service, the highways and environment agencies and Kent Fire and Rescue, aims to keep Kent “clean, safe and beautiful”.

It is hoped that the public can help stop litterbugs spoiling White Cliffs country, improving quality of life and ensuring tourists are not deterred from holidaying in the area.

Melanie Price, Clean Kent co-ordinator, said: “Public reporting plays a valuable role in our work and has helped secure many successful fly-tipping prosecutions.

“Vandalism, litter, abandoned cars and antisocial behaviour affects everyone’s quality of life – but when residents work together with agencies we see real results.”

Find out more by visiting www.cleankent.com or by phoning 0845 3450210.

OBE for top scientist

A PFIZER chief has spoken of her pride at being awarded an OBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list.

Dr Annette Doherty, senior vice-president at the Sandwich building, said she was “extremely humbled” to have been chosen.

The mother-of-three was recognised for her services to the pharmaceutical industry over the past 20 years.

Her research has resulted in the publication of more than 100 scientific manuscripts and she is the author and inventor of more than 30 patents.

She said: “I have been fortunate to work with outstanding teams of scientists.

“This honour reflects all our collective achievements and progress.”



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Big bag boost for charity

STAFF at Pfizer have filled more than 1,000 bags with unwanted items to raise money for The Children’s Society.

The charity will sell the goods at its shops in Deal and Canterbury, with organisers confident that the donations will raise more than £18,000.

Pfizer’s Big Bag Drop was launched five years ago and more than 5,900 bags of clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos and DVDs have been donated in that time.

Kevin Charles, community affairs manager at Pfizer, said: “The Pfizer Big Bag Drop makes a real difference to the Children’s Society’s shops, where the economic downturn is seeing a rise in customers but a decline in donations.”

Paul Tate, of the Children’s Society, said: “In the current economic downturn we find that even more children need our help, so we are delighted by this year’s result.”

Pick up a stylish bargain

FASHION-lovers are urged to check out the Sense charity shop in Dover high street.

Regional manager Christine Dennison is also encouraging shoppers to bring along their unwanted items to mark Deafblind Awareness Week, which ends on Sunday.

She said: “We’ve been rated as among the UK’s very best by Sunday Times Style, so you could walk out with this season’s must-have item and help the work we do to support deafblind people in the process.”

Sense has launched an online retail store at www.stores.ebay.co.uk/Sense-Bargains.

Music while you dine

TWO live music events are being held at the Table Table restaurant at Marine Court in Dover.

On Thursday, July 2, there is a Blue Brothers tribute night starting at 8pm, while on Saturday, July 4, a Caribbean carnival night will have you up and jiving from 8pm.

Billy Brown, who appeared on ITV’s Stars In Their Eyes as Errol Brown from Hot Chocolate, will be performing hits from the band as well as songs from Billy Ocean and Eddie Grant.

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Saturday 8th

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Saturday 15th

Michael McIntyre

Saturday 22nd

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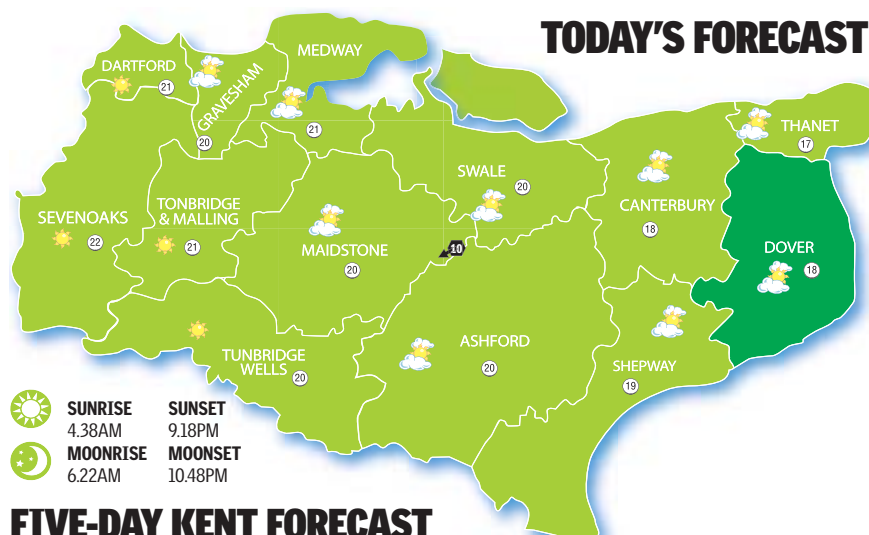
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Canterbury	18°C	18°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	Maidstone	21°C	20°C	22°C	23°C	23°C
Chatham	18°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	Ramsgate	18°C	18°C	20°C	21°C	22°C
Dartford	22°C	21°C	23°C	23°C	24°C	Rochester	18°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C
Dover	17°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	Sevenoaks	20°C	19°C	21°C	21°C	22°C
Faversham	18°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	Sittingbourne	18°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C
Folkestone	17°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	Tonbridge	21°C	21°C	23°C	23°C	23°C
Gillingham	18°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	20°C	Tun Wells	21°C	21°C	23°C	23°C	23°C



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Dungeness	Saturday	3:13pm	7.5m
	Sunday	4:04pm	7.2m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:59pm	5.1m
	Sunday	4:46pm	4.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:51pm	5.7m
	Sunday	5:39pm	5.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:54pm	5.3m
	Sunday	5:40pm	5.2m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Barcelona	23°C	Paris	18°C
Beijing	30°C	Rome	26°C
Bombay	32°C	Sydney	19°C
Cape Town	14°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	19°C	Tokyo	25°C
Gibraltar	23°C	Vancouver	18°C
Hong Kong	32°C	Warsaw	14°C
Las Palmas	29°C	Wellington	10°C

Extra ferry set to boost passenger numbers on Dover to Boulogne route

A FAST-FERRY shuttle service between Dover and Boulogne could be on the horizon for the port's newest ferry firm.

Just days after bosses celebrated the official launch of their high-speed service onboard the Norman Arrow catamaran, suggestions of introducing another fast vessel on to the Dover Strait were floated.

The idea will be looked at by officials from next year, along with expansion of services with the current ship.

Nick Stevens, spokesman for LD Lines, said: "We'll be looking at the Norman Arrow and how we can expand it, but we'll certainly also look at what position we're in with regards to other fast-ferries."

"We're confident this type of travel works, so from 2010 we'll be looking at our sailing figures and the options available. The company is considering a shuttle service for passengers between Dover and Boulogne."

Frequently

LD Lines runs four crossings with the Norman Arrow, but if another catamaran was brought in, tourists, coaches, foot passengers and freight could cross the Channel frequently throughout the day.

Mr Stevens said: "It could be a kind of turn-up-and-go service. Or if passengers miss their ferry they won't have to wait long for another one."

A ship is under construction in Tasmania, Australia, where the Norman Arrow was built, and if plans go ahead it could be the second high-speed vessel on the Channel.

The current ship is the first of its kind on the Dover Strait, offering high-speed travel not only for car and foot passengers but freight, coaches and motorhomes.

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Q&A

Q What has been the highlight of your career so far?

A Am I allowed two, please? One was hosting The Prince's Trust Concert at Wembley live on BBC One. I got to meet HRH before the concert and then introduce big stars like Annie Lennox and Take That. I'm still an ambassador for the trust. And landing the job on Heart was pretty exciting and an ambition fulfilled.

Q How did it feel to be the first person voted off I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here in 2006?

A To be honest, I was starting to lose the plot after two weeks of no food, boredom and David Gest's snoring! I'd had enough. Then I got to stay longer than anyone else in the very swish Versace Hotel, so I couldn't complain!

Q What are you aiming to achieve with your Heart 103.1 & 102.8 show?

A I just want people to stay tuned in after the brilliant James and Gemma, who do the breakfast show, and enjoy the music. There'll be something for everyone on the show, including Take That tickets for their sold-out tour!

Q What time do you get to the studio each day and how much preparation goes into a typical show?

A I rock up at the Heart studios at around 8am, grab a bowl of porridge, have a cup of tea, browse through the papers and chat through stuff with my producer. Whether it's

what time we're giving away tickets, who's going to be on Emma Bunton's Saturday show, or what new tunes we're going to be playing.

Q You're an ambassador for the Prince's Trust - what is the most inspirational story you have encountered?

A Last year I met an amazing young woman who'd overcome a harsh childhood. She'd gone on to set up her own business. She had a wonderful manner about her despite what she'd gone through as a kid.

Q Are you a regular visitor to Kent and if so where do you like to go?

A One of my favourite places is Canterbury. I love the old town with its quaint alleys, shops and cafés. I also have fond memories of Tunbridge Wells from when I did panto there in 2000. It's a great place and the people were very welcoming.

Q What kind of music do you listen to and are you tipping any new acts to make an impact this year?

A Right now, I'm loving everything from Daniel Merriweather, Lily Allen and Dizzy Rascal to some good old-school stuff from the likes of Madonna and Luther Vandross.

Q What has been the strangest thing you have ever done in the name of entertainment?

A Taken part in The All Star Talent Show on Channel Five. I tried to get through a

dance routine on live TV, thought I'd made a proper bodge of it, but then won the show.

Q What did you want to do when you were growing up?

A I really wanted to be a pilot in the Royal Navy flying fighter jets. But being short-sighted put an end to that. Then all I wanted was to be a radio DJ. I started on hospital radio when I was 14 and went from there.

Q You worked as a children's BBC presenter, but with the number of channels on air now, do you think children's TV presenters will ever be as famous as they once were?

A It will never be quite the same as it was. When we did it, the big thing was being on for a few minutes on BBC One every afternoon just before Neighbours, when you had ten million people seeing you every day. It's not even a quarter of that now.

Q Who is the most famous person on your mobile phone's contact list?

A I don't really have many. Myleene Klass, Jason Donovan...

Q Who is your hero?

A Tony Blackburn.

• Toby started his daily show on Heart 103.1 and 102.8 at 10am on Monday.

Heart presenter Toby Anstis spoke to Gareth Arnold about his plans for his show, his time in the broom cupboard and the inspirational people he has met during his role as an ambassador for the Prince's Trust

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2009 DAY TRIPS AND HOLIDAYS

JULY		ADULT	CHILD	JULY		ADULT	CHILD
Weds 1st	Brighton	£18.00	£13.00	Wed 22nd	Lullingstone Castle and Lavender Farm	£26.00	£23.00
Thurs 2nd	Boulogne by Ferry	£23.00	£18.00	Sat 25th	Le Touquet by Ferry	£24.00	£19.00
Sat 4th	Lille	£31.00	£27.00	Sun 26th	Drusillas	£25.00	£19.50
Mon 6th	Afternoon Cite Europe	£13.00	£10.00	Thurs 30th	Boulogne	£23.00	£18.00
Wed 8th	Montreuil by Ferry	£25.00	£23.00	Fri 31st	Chessington World Of Adventures, Zoo & Sealife Centre	£35.00	£29.00
Wed 8th	Duxford Imperial War Museum	£27.50	£15.00	AUGUST			
Fri 10th	Teapot Island	£12.50	£10.50	Sun 2nd	London Zoo	£26.00	£23.00
Tue 14th	Tenterden & Chapel Down Vineyard	£21.00	£18.00	Mon 3rd	Afternoon Cite Europe	£13.00	£10.00
Thurs 16th	Sluis	£33.00	£29.00	Tue 4th	Eagle Heights Wildlife Park	£17.50	£15.00
Sat 18th	Kent County Show	£25.00	£22.00	Thurs 6th	Boulogne by Ferry	£23.00	£18.00
Sun 19th	Whitstable Oyster Festival	£9.50	£7.50	Sat 8th	Disneyland Paris	£65.00	£62.00
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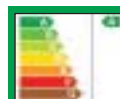
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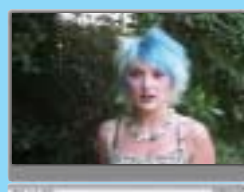
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Joanna Lumley and Michael Howard MP at Gurkhas' big day. Search 'Lumley'



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Censored list 'proves MPs just don't get it'

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

A COMPLETE overhaul of the MP expenses system and greater honesty is needed if the public is to trust politicians again, a leading pressure group has claimed.

A heavily censored list of all MPs' expenses was published on the parliamentary website on Thursday.

Huge amounts of information, including details of what some of the cash was spent on, addresses of second homes and names of staff, have been blacked out.

Government sources say this is to protect sensitive information and ensure confidentiality for people not connected to politics. But campaigners argue this secrecy conceals practices such as 'flipping' of second homes. They argue the latest cover-up will only add to the mistrust felt by voters towards their representatives.

Amid thousands of pages of receipts for office supplies, hotel, phone and utility bills and claims for everyday items which can rightly be claimed under the allowance scheme, several Kent MPs can be said to have submitted a lot of odd claims.

Sittingbourne and Sheppey's Derek Wyatt made headlines last month when it was revealed he had claimed 75 pence for a Scotch egg.

His expenses for 2004-2008 also include a claim, just before Christmas 2005, for an eclectic assortment of books bought from Amazon.

These were a travel guide to Warsaw, The Rough Guide to Slovenia and a hardback edition of Diana, Princess of Wales – totalling £39.

Former Tory leader Michael Howard's £17,000 spending on gardening was reported



LISTED: Michael Howard (left) had £17,000 gardening expenses and Tory colleague Julian Brazier claimed for fruity tea

at the start of the month. Between 2004 and 2008 the Folkestone and Hythe MP hired The Turned Worm Gardening Company in Hythe and another gardener to work on his property.

Mr Howard denied any wrongdoing, insisting this was for general maintenance and gardening.

His claims also show one for a king-size luxury mattress, costing £569, in March 2004.

The biggest revelation to come from Canterbury MP Julian Brazier's 'blacked-out' expense claims is his taste for fruity tea.

One claim made in January last year asks to be reimbursed for two packets of Waitrose China Green Lemon, priced at £2.10 each.

Maidstone and the Weald's Ann Widdecombe made expenses claims as strait-laced as you might expect from one of the Commons' most respected operators.

The same goes for Thanet North Tory Roger Gale and his Thanet South Labour counterpart Dr Steve Ladyman.

Ashford's Damien Green and Faversham and



Mid-Kent's Hugh Robertson are equally frugal with their claims.

The 'Taxpayers' Alliance campaigner Mark Wallace thinks the obscured published expenses have proven Parliament "just doesn't get it".

He said: "We are very angry, to say the least. We know that second-home addresses are crucial to exposing the practice of flipping, yet these have been blacked out. We also know that finding out names of people who work for MPs will tell us everything we need to know about nepotism, if there's any going on."

Mr Wallace said his group had nothing against MPs claiming expenses to pay for accommodation and work away from home, as it is part of the job.

"We think this whole scandal has meant the end of the idea of allowance for our MPs, as it used to be", he said. "We even think that accommodation, owned by the Government, should be used for MPs working away from home."

Visit www.parliament.uk to see the list.

Drug warning is on the wall for clubbers

AN ANTI-DRUGS campaign using giant illuminated warnings has won the backing of a mother whose daughter died after snorting contaminated cocaine.

Haniska Pett, 20, of Gravesend, died in October last year after a night out with friends which saw her take a mixed dose of the Class A drug.

Grieving mother Angela Pett says a Kent Police drive to keep young people off drugs – which includes powerful messages being beamed on to walls of pubs and clubs throughout the county, is the perfect antidote to drug abuse.

She said: "Haniska's death has left a huge gaping hole in all our lives. I am sure she had no idea that the cocaine she was taking was mixed with another drug that would cause her death."

"Beaming these messages in public places will reach those who need it most and help save lives."

Superintendent Neil Jerome, from Kent Police, said: "People waiting in queues will see the projector which shows warnings about the dangers of illegal drugs and gives advice on where to get help and support."

"The projectors offer us much more scope for interacting with local communities. People walking through a town centre at night will see the messages during their night out."

"It is more effective than handing out leaflets which many people socialising in the evening do not want to carry around."

The projectors and 30ft messages were used in Maidstone last week, when they were beamed on to the side of Maidstone Crown Court buildings as part of National Tackling Drugs Week.



DEAD: Haniska Pett was just 20 when she took a lethal dose

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You'd be a fool to miss this gooseberry treat

Celebrity chef Richard Phillips brings us the latest in his series of articles backing our local food campaign

With the longest day upon us and thoughts turning to summer holidays and whether we will enjoy long, lazy days basking in the sun or watch endless rain falling from the sky, I thought it would be a good idea to have some recipes using traditional staple foods.

As the months pass from spring into summer and the basket from www.foodforkent.co.uk changes, it's great to see the impact of the changing seasons on the contents.

We can also see the diversity of what Kent has to offer and reflect on how it is easy to forget some of the joys which can come from foods that we often overlook or take for granted.

Right now we are getting some fabulous Dover sole and this can make a tasty meal when accompanied with fresh broad beans, peas and thinly sliced pancetta to bring out the subtle flavours of the fish.

Pancetta is simply pork belly which has been salt cured and dried for about three months and spiced with a variety of flavours such as garlic, fennel, and nutmeg and dried ground hot peppers. It works ever so well with the fish and any pasta or casserole dish. If you don't like Dover sole you can substitute



any flatfish such as plaice, lemon sole or John Dory. Last month we had strawberries in our basket and another unique-tasting British fruit is available in this month's: the gooseberry. Gooseberries make a fantastic summer dessert and can be the ideal complement to those warm summer evenings watching the sun go down.

The recipe is another classic, a gooseberry fool. The important thing to remember for this dish is to use nicely ripened

gooseberries, but if you can't get hold of them fresh then frozen will suffice. Both recipes are simple to make and will awaken your taste buds to a mixture of subtle and nostalgic flavours.

The great thing about cooking for me, whether it is at one of my restaurants at Chapel Down, the Hengist, Thackeray's or even home, is ensuring I use everyday locally grown products where possible.

I am often amazed that customers are surprised by the delicacy and range of flavours; and yes, part of the reason for that success is in the preparation and use of complementary ingredients, but the freshness and quality of the produce is a huge factor. Many people want to know how to recreate the dishes we serve and hopefully by providing these recipes it is a simple way to give you a chance to do this.

But for those of you who have been bitten by the cooking bug and want to know more, I run a couple of cookery schools.

These are great opportunities to show you how you can create stunning tasty meals for special occasions, as well as offering fantastic tips which you can use every day in your kitchen.

You can find out more information about the cookery schools and how to get involved by logging onto my website at www.richardphillipschapeldown.co.uk and clicking on the private cookery class button.

Hopefully many of you are now getting your fresh delivery from the guys at www.foodforkent.co.uk and some of you have even tried the recipes I have been writing about here.

I'd love to hear from you telling me about your cooking successes or failures, so please feel free to email me at richard.phillips@kosmedia.co.uk.

Also, if you have any food or cooking related questions and I'll definitely get back to you.

Richard Phillips

Pan fried fillets of Dover sole served with braised peas and pancetta

Serves 4
2 x med sized Dover sole, filleted x 4 pieces and skinned
400g fresh peas
200g fresh broad beans
Thinly sliced pancetta (cooked until crisp)
Pea cress to garnish
For the sauce
1 x banana shallot, finely chopped
150ml dry white wine
100g pancetta cut into lardons (small, chunky cubes)
Good pinch of chopped chervil (to finish)
25ml white wine vinegar
100ml double cream
Half a lemon



In a small sauté pan, warm up a little olive oil, add the diced shallot and cook with a little colour until tender.

Add the pancetta and cook until crisp and a golden brown colour is achieved, deglaze with the white wine and vinegar, and reduce by about two thirds.

Add the peas and broad beans, cook for 1-2 minutes, add the stock and cook for a further 5mins, then add the double cream and continue cooking until a sauce consistency is achieved (2-3mins), season. Add a squeeze of lemon juice and then add the chopped chervil.

Place the lightly floured sole fillets into a pre-heated non-stick pan, colour slightly then add a knob of butter and cook on both sides for 2-3mins until golden brown.

To serve place the peas in the centre of a bowl with the fish on top, spoon over the sauce and garnish with pea cress leaves and crisp pancetta.

Gooseberry fool

Serves 6
200g fresh gooseberries
150g caster sugar
200ml double cream

Gently cook the gooseberries with 50g of the sugar, taking care that they do not go mushy. Set aside a little of the cooking juices. Whip the cream together with the remaining sugar

Divide the gooseberries between six glasses, spoon over the cream and drizzle with the reserved cooled cooking juices.



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25yr old female, 5ft8, medium-curved body, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, WLTm, tall, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644 **1**

MATCH OF THE DAY!

Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494 **1**

NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT...

Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! WLTm honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105 **1**

DESTINY CALLING

Hello! I'm 28, 5ft5, dark hair, blue-green eyes, likes going out, the cinema, the gym, looking for LTR with a loving, caring male. Box 452305 **1**

ME AND YOU

Medium build lady, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeking honest guy who looks after number one, for lasting relationship. Box 451834 **1**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU...

So sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 446756 **1**

GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving lady, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471 **1**

HAPPY SHOPPER!

Easysgoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTm loving, caring white male, 35-47, for long-term, loving relationship. No time-wasters. Box 444214 **1**

HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **1**

CHATHAM UP!

Pretty black female, 32, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 437778 **1**

CUDDLY FEMALE

32, 5ft9, brown hair, curvy, enjoys having fun and a laugh and WLTm nice, kind gent. Box 439402 **1**

IN THE COUNTRY

Are you the one? I'm 33, 5ft2, pure country lass from farming background, seeking lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892265 **1**

HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair, blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 **1**

SCAND GOOD?

Hello! I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoys cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595 **1**

GALLOP AHEAD!

Maidstone-based woman, 36, 5ft5, slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest and have 4 children. I enjoy drives and horse riding and WLTm honest, reliable man. Box 451311 **1**

UNDERSTAND ME

Open, honest straight girl, 37, 5'8", slim, pale and cute, own home, searching for sensual, strong, younger man, to help me relax and enjoy life. Box 451524 **1**

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LOVE

37yr old female, 2 kids, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for a caring, loving, honest and trusting male to be my someone special. Box 446552 **1**

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Good looking woman, 37, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, two kids. Looking for new friends and hopefully someone special. Box 446039 **1**

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **1**

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SEIZE THE DAY

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CALL ME

Happy but shy girl of 37, loves all the normal things in life, seeks a mature guy, hoping for something lasting and meaningful. Boxhill-on-Sea. Box 452424 **1**

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Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 39, 5ft6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 **1**

SCOTTISH LASS

Maggie here, I'm a Scottish girl, 39, 5ft2, been living down South for nearly 16 years. I like pubs, cinema, wine bars. Box 883010 **1**

ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! Likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724 **1**

THE WIT TO WOO!

Kent female, 40, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862 **1**

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551 **1**

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Asian lady, 41, single, no ties, out going, fun loving, professional, looking for a white male, genuine, professional and solvent. Box 451900 **1**

FOR A RELATIONSHIP?

Shy but confident-once-known female, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106 **1**

NO TIES

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTm slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573 **1**

A HEART FULL OF LOVE

Nice looking, genuine 41yr old mixed race female, likes cinema, walks, eating out, bowling, WLTm a genuine good natured white male, GSOH, for fun filled friendship/relationship. Box 450890 **1**

A FAIRY TALE ENDING

Easy-going blonde animal lover, 41, easy-going and tactile, enjoy eating out, cinema and pubs, looking for a lovely, caring and funny man, 35-45. Box 451079 **1**

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796 **1**

I SHOULD BE SO LUCKY

Hello, I'm Karen, 42, dark brown hair, medium build, GSOH, looking for a man with no issues and GSOH who can enjoy life with me. Box 452204 **1**

COSY TIMES TOGETHER

Fun-loving female, 42, looking for someone who can make me laugh and enjoys country walks, films, travelling and a nice evening cuddled up. Box 881545 **1**

ACTIVE TYPE

Lively, energetic and fun loving mum, 42, I'm 5ft3, petite, pretty, blonde/brown hair/hazel eyes, WLTm mixed race/blonde, to share good times with. Box 451819 **1**

A WARM HEART AND GSOH

Lovely bubbly mum, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, dark hair, medium build, loves salsa dancing, new things, bowling, quiet nights in, looking for companionship and more. Box 880090 **1**

YOU NEVER KNOW

Kind, loving and caring mum, 43, 5ft5, round but cuddly! Just looking for someone to share my life with...how about you? St. Leonards-on-Sea. Box 446457 **1**

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre, Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955 **1**

ALONG THE SHORE

Recently divorced woman, 43, 5ft3, slim, hard-working, fun-loving, likes life, looking for a really nice and trust-worthy guy for a relationship. Hastings Box 451469 **1**

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **1**

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft4, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800 **1**

LOVING IT LARGE

Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTm a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 444803 **1**

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448652 **1**

FANCY A FILM?

Hi, I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Heathfield. Box 448626 **1**

SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne, 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186 **1**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal male 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366 **1**

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easysgoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 **1**

2'S COMPANY

Seeking gent, 46-50ish. I'm a divorced woman, in Ryde, 47, work in nursing and WLTm someone loving and faithful. I like meals out, theatre, arts, walks. Box 452503 **1**

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE?

Hi I'm Mandy, chocolate brown hair, blue eyes, 48, seeking human male (preferably) for nights out, socialising, clubbing, meals, lots of laughs and much more. Box 437489 **1**

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Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy Box 425952 **1**

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Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very nice, 5ft5, medium build, blonde blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company Box 434089 **1**

BE MY GUY

Young 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, a smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest male. Box 449288 **1**

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Female, 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings Box 417100 **1**

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Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easysgoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **1**

SHARE LIFE

Caring woman of 52, normal, down-to-earth, open minded and loves to give, looking for an understanding and caring female to enjoy films, walks and more. Box 452463 **1**

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

Average female, 53, 5ft4, slim/med build, GSOH, enjoys most things in life, WLTm fun-loving man for friendship, maybe more. Box 878962 **1**

COMPANIONSHIP LAUGHTER, MORE

Curvy, cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTm similar loving male. Box 448452 **1**

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448652 **1**

FULL OF LIFE

Friendly Mike, 34, 6ft9, big build, clean shaven, GSOH, likes music, swimming, walks, looking for a lovely bubbly lady, 38-48, for a friendship. Box 452817 **1**

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Seeking honest woman, who I can be myself with. I'm a genuine male, 34, GSOH and enjoy sports, sky diving, drinks out, swimming. Box 878986 **1**

CUDDLY BUILD OF JOY

Loving caring homely lady, 54, honest, shy, likes gardening, long walks and more, looking for a fun-loving, passionate tactile man for nights out and more. Box 451967 **1**

SMART MOVE

Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854 **1**

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448456 **1**

NO SHALLOWNESS

Intelligent lady, 55, 5ft8, large build, looking for a nice, genuine male who enjoys theatre, meals, laughter, music, relaxing and good conversation. Box 444145 **1**

SOMETHING NEW

Caring female with GSOH, 58, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, likes beach walks, theatre, holidays and music; WLTm male with GSOH, genuine, for friendship, maybe more. Box 447652 **1**

DREAMS OF YOU

Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448566 **1**

WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622 **1**

NEVER TOO LATE

Hello, I'm Betty, 62, cuddly widow, 5ft5, brown hair/brown eyes, GSOH and love life, seeking a like-minded gent for companionship and more. Box 452329 **1**

CALL ME LOVE

Young at heart 63yr old woman, likes most things, looking for a genuine male, for friendship and more. Box 452652 **1**

SOMEONE TO SHARE LIFE WITH

Attractive retired lady, 63, loves swimming and cycling, cinema, eating out...seeks company with a great SOH, young-minded, to enjoy anything that happens. Box 451579 **1**

SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH...

Loving lady looking for companionship, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446382 **1**

Women seeking women

ANY OFFERS?

Curvy female, 26, 5ft9, blue eyes, likes reading, painting, walks and nights in, WLTm an honest, sincere and feminine female for a possible relationship. Box 452108 **1**

JUST A GIRL

Bubbly, feminine, attractive lady seeking the same! I'm slim, athletic, blonde hair/blue eyes. I'm 28 and WLTm similar female. Box 878997 **1**



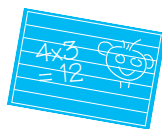
MEN seeking women

FOR LOVE

Good looking male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! Likes going/eating out, walks, pubs, loves life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752 **1**

HAPPY CHAPPY

Hi! I'm a happy-go-lucky man, 33, a plumber, I enjoy life and everything in it. I'm fit and active and seeking the same in a woman. Box 452394 **1**



Top students building on good attitude

■ BY MARIJKE COX

CONSTRUCTION students from South Kent College have been commended for their work at an annual awards presentation.

Principal Monica Box praised the winners for their dedication and said their success came down to more than just aptitude.

In her speech she said: "We're celebrating your attitude. Every tutor has singled out your approach, your hard work, your commitment. These personal skills are the ones that employers are looking for and they will give you a critical edge when you are looking for employment."

The ceremony at the Kingsnorth Hall on the Folkestone campus saw five students from Dover collect prizes for their work.

Carl Wheeler, from Whitfield, won the carpentry and joinery apprentice of the year award, sponsored by Jenner.

His tutor Mark Sayer said: "Carl has good trade knowledge and has shown great depth to this with his constructive comments."

Daniel Curry, from St Margaret-at-Cliffe, scooped the painting and decorating prize.

He was nominated by tutor Mark Thompson, who said: "Daniel is always willing to listen and is meticulous and methodical about his coursework."

James Elliott, from River, won the outstanding electrical apprentice of the year, which is sponsored by City Electrical.

His tutor Ray Denne described him as highly motivated and conscientious.

Mr Denne said: "To date, James has achieved distinction in all his technical certificate examinations and assignments."



AWARD TIME: Carl Wheeler with principal Monica Box

The multi-crafts student of the year, sponsored by Mansell, was awarded to Craig Smith, from Napier Road, Dover.

Tutor Julie Knight said: "Craig is hard-working and always willing to help other students. His attendance and punctuality are excellent and he is a model student."

The final Dover award went to Dan Corrin, of Barton Road, who scooped the BTEC higher national certificate student of the year for a second-year student.

His tutor Chris Crofts said Dan always produced first-class work and went that little bit further to ensure his work shone.

Dramatic re-telling of classic fairy tales

DRAMA students at Dover College have put on a show for parents and pupils.

Year seven and eight classes performed The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel And Gretel and Cinderella to the junior school in a dress rehearsal.

Parents were then treated to a performance, with a twist of humour and fear.

A spokesman at the school said: "This could not have happened without the hard work of the head of drama, Miss Single, and head of English, Mr Scates."



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BREAK TIME

No sleeping on the job at charity day

CHILDREN at Dover College have worn their pyjamas to school to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Pupils on the school council came up with the idea and parents also donned their sleepwear for a celebration assembly.

Mrs Miller, head of infants and juniors, said: "I was particularly impressed that parents were so keen to get involved. It is testament to the community spirit of Dover College."



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WIN! Exclusive Take That tickets with heart 103.1 102.8



HEART is here! To celebrate the launch of the brand new radio station for Kent, we've teamed up with Heart 103.1 & 102.8 to give away a pair of exclusive tickets to see Take That live on stage at London's Wembley Stadium in their current sold-out Circus tour!

You could be off to see Gary, Mark, Howard and Jason live at Wembley on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, performing all their hit songs you love, including Greatest Day, Pray, Back for Good, Shine, Never Forget, Patience and many, many more. The £10 million Circus tour has already enjoyed massive critical acclaim – and you could be there to experience it yourself!

To enter, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Your Local Take That Competition, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SR. The closing date is June 25, 2009.

Question: Which song includes the lyrics "Got your lipstick marks still on your coffee cup"?

- A. Back for Good
- B. Never Forget
- C. Greatest Day

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James and Gemma will present Heart Breakfast every weekday morning from 6am, say: "What better way to launch Heart in Kent than to give away tickets to see one of the world's biggest bands live on stage in the most exciting tour of the year! Take That's Circus tour is sold-out so we're thrilled to team up with Yourlocal papers to give away this exclusive pair of tickets to one very lucky reader!"

For more chances to win tickets to see Take That on their Circus tour, tune into Heart 103.1 & 102.8 all this week and listen out for the competition "Ten seconds to Take That". You can also win online at heart.co.uk.

Heart broadcasts on 103.1 & 102.8.

Terms & conditions: The tickets are valid for to see Take That at Wembley Stadium on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. They cannot be exchanged or transferred to another performance/artist and there is no cash alternative to the prize.

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According to a recent survey, our DNA is behind what we really like to eat

Is getting back to local food a taste of things to come?

LOCAL produce is all the rage these days, with everyone saying that buying food and drink made in your area helps the local economy, makes farmers' lives better and keeps the corner shop open.

Kent has a lot going for it in this way – excellent local beer and wine, succulent Romney Marsh lamb, delicious Whitstable oysters, fresh fish from the Channel and cabbages from Thanet.

Then there's always Faversham cherries, Biddenden cider and Dover turkeys.

But recently we've been told it's not enough to just like your local food. A new survey claims it's embedded in our DNA and varies according to where in the country you're from.

And apparently choices are often determined by the part of the tongue that picks up preferred tastes.

The survey was carried out for the Costa Coffee shop chain by food psychologist Greg Tucker, who said "Taste dialect would be a good way to describe it".

For example, people living in the North East like food tasted on the tip of the tongue such as that well-known Hull delicacy chips and bits – scrapings of overcooked fish batter.

And we're told the reason for this is because the region has a history of hungry industrial workers demanding instant sustenance.

On the opposite coast they relish 'comforting' sweet flavours like hotpot and Vimto pop.

Actually, I think that might be true. I have relatives in Manchester and they both enjoy those tastes – along with dandelion and burdock, whatever that is.

Scots like rich, creamy tastes that impact on the back of the tongue such as ice cream and porridge – not to mention Irn-Bru and deep-fried Mars Bars.

Midlanders enjoy curry as this also hits taste buds at the front of the mouth. Those in the

South West like sweet fruit such as apples, which are long associated with the area.

London and the South East have lost their palate due to a huge ethnic mix. But spicy 'foreign' foods have become a favourite.

But maybe because there is probably a better choice of restaurants around, people in the last two areas have a wider choice.

But coming back to regional produce – it does say something that most of the favourite dishes from around Britain are of the stodgy variety.

So let's use the opportunity to praise what we have here – grown on farms and produced by livestock farmers around the county.

All the food I talked about in the opening of this blog is simple, home-made and healthy.

No E-numbers or deep-fried nonsense. No glutenous spices smothering everything – just the products of good agricultural practice and a love of the land from which they came.

Yes, it's official – Kentish people have the best taste in Britain.

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TALK TIME

JACQUI BARHAM

Kent's top Ann Summers party organiser talks about how the company has benefited from the credit-crunch and what perks come with the job.



Tell us a bit about yourself

I'm 45 years old, I live on the Isle of Sheppey and I have been an Ann Summers unit organiser for the past 13 years. I hold parties and recruit new team members for the whole of Kent.

Why did you want to become an Ann Summers rep?

My son Brett was three and I was looking for an evening job that enabled me to be at home with him during the day. I saw a TV programme about Ann Summers, it showed you could earn good money working part-time and evenings and could achieve a company car, so I applied straight away. It has fitted in great.

Tell us about being named the Ann Summers unit organiser of the year

I won in 2003, 2004 and 2005 – this goes to the team within the company that produces the most revenue during the past 12 months. You win a luxury holiday – we chose Florida twice and Gran Canaria.

How has the credit crunch affected Ann Summers?

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YOUR LETTERS

Carnival donations to help little Hayley

Letter to shop-owners in Dover:

MY name is Mandie Sehmbi and I am director/chairman of DCAL (Miss Dover) Ltd, which runs the annual Dover carnival.

This year's carnival is on Saturday, July 4, and we shall be joined by a very special 10-year-old young lady called Hayley Okines, from Brighton (pictured).



Hayley suffers from an extremely rare genetic condition called Hutchinson Gilford Progeria Syndrome, also known as progeria.

At present there are 45 known cases of progeria around the world and only two in the UK – Hayley and a five-year-old girl called Ashanti.

Progeria is a progressive terminal condition which mimics many of the characteristics of the normal ageing process, but only eight times faster.

A 10-year-old child with progeria will have the appearance of an octogenarian with symptoms including baldness, arthritis and heart problems, but with the mind of a normal 10-year-old.

The average lifespan of a child with progeria is about 13, and at present there is no cure, although Hayley is taking pioneering medication which may help.

Hayley will be attending this



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We would like to use any money that we raise on our raffle on carnival day to assist Hayley and Ashanti with the huge travel costs they face regularly with having to travel to the US for treatment.

We would be delighted if you would be prepared to donate a raffle prize to be used on the day.

It does not matter how great or small the donated prize is, as every prize counts in helping Hayley and Ashanti.

If the item is suitable for postage, please post it to 49 Noah's Ark Road, Dover CT17

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In return for your generosity, Dover Carnival will list you as an official carnival sponsor on its new website, www.freewebs.com/dovercarnival.uk.

I hope you can look favourably on our request and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Mandie Sehmbi
Director/chairman DCAL

HGV freight problem will only get bigger

THE future size of lorries passing through Dover, and consequently through Kent, weighs heavily on my mind.

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre reported in May that 60-tonne, 25-metre-long lorry combinations, or 'combis', would be justified on economic and environmental grounds.

Needless to say, I was sceptical. This month, a report by the Fraunhofer Institute in Germany indicates precisely the opposite.

Any short-term improvements in the number of vehicles on the road, or in emissions, would be wiped out within five to 10 years because of the constant increases in movement of freight by road.

Any attempt to present larger lorries as a 'relief' to Dover, or to Kent, should be disregarded.

Kent is experiencing a rise in HGVs running at 7-8 per cent each year and we should make it more expensive to move long-distance freight by road rather than rail.

There is no chance of joined-up climate change and transport policies while this continues.

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Green Party MEP for Kent

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New 'talent' is a sign of lowered standards

The decision of the BBC to get rid of Geoff Clark and Beverly Thompson (last week's paper) is yet another blatant example of the Corporation's dumbing down.

Why is it that intelligent and articulate presenters are removed, while the mumbling drivell of the so-called yooof-orientated 'on-screen talent' is retained?

The BBC's obsession with getting a younger audience is nothing short of a disgrace.

Why get rid of people who actually know what they are doing?

Mike Harris
by email

I won't miss pair's nauseating banter

Well done to the BBC for deciding to axe Geoff Clark and Beverly Thompson from South East Today – their antics have been truly cringe-making.

I've always been a bit of a local-news nerd – I really couldn't get enough of it – but the increasingly embarrassing performance of these two characters meant I simply couldn't bear to watch their awful programme.

Their nauseous attempts at banter and insistence on making inane remarks about every single

story almost had me reaching for a bucket in which to be sick – how many stories a day did these two sacrifice for their gormless wittering?

Good riddance to this terrible double-act. The only thing that matters now is that the BBC finds someone better – don't mess up again!

Eddie Burrows
Folkestone

Someone else was bound to be better

Why does everything have to be down to ageism?

Is it not ageist that the photograph used of Geoff Clark for last week's article was obviously not taken very recently? Or was that for sympathy?

People are far too quick to call for ageism – can it not be coincidence that the people better for the job may indeed be younger than Geoff and Bev?

Sharon
comment posted on web story

They were dropped for being useless

Could it be that Geoff Clark and Beverly Thompson were axed because they were utterly useless and almost as bad as Meridian's simpering idiots?

M Debens
comment posted on web story

Eat strawberries and help to raise money

As we get into the swing of summer, I am writing to ask readers to make the most of it by holding a Strawberry Tea for Breast Cancer Care.

It's the perfect excuse to get together with friends, family or colleagues and serve up strawberry goodies to support the 46,000 people who are diagnosed with breast cancer every year in the UK.

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I know how vital this is as I lost my daughter Caron to breast cancer when she was just 34.

So when Breast Cancer Care asked me to support Strawberry Tea this summer, I thought it was such an excellent and easy thing to do for such a wonderful cause.

To get involved in a Strawberry Tea, visit www.breastcancercare.org.uk/strawberry, or call 0870 1649422 and request a Strawberry Tea fund-raising pack full of tips and strawberry recipes to ensure you have a brilliant Strawberry Tea.

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Leeds Castle will be the beautiful open-air setting for Shakespearean love story A Midsummer Night's Dream

FAIRIES, magic and star-crossed lovers abound at Leeds Castle with the return of Shakespeare's Globe.

The company's brand new production of A Midsummer Night's Dream will be visiting the beautiful open-air setting next week, continuing the Globe's revived tradition of taking Shakespeare's plays to outdoor venues.

Led by artistic director Dominic Dromgoole, the company now plays in repertory from April to October every year and its productions have rapidly built up an international reputation for excellence.

"The Globe was born out of a touring company culture and that culture remained vital to it while it flourished," Dromgoole said. "We are delighted to be exploring again the

tradition of taking Shakespeare into non-theatrical spaces."

The company's 2007 production of Romeo & Juliet was a return to outdoor touring for the Globe after a lapse of nearly 400 years. Shakespeare's original London theatre was closed down by the Puritans in 1642 and demolished two years later. When American actor and director Sam Wanamaker first visited London in 1949, he was disappointed at the lack of a lasting tribute to Shakespeare's legacy. He founded the Shakespeare Globe Trust in 1970 and when the site of the original foundations was discovered at Bankside in the 80s, he was instrumental in bringing about the rebuilding of the theatre.

Foundation work began in 1987 and the construction of the theatre itself commenced in 1993. Sadly Wanamaker, father of actress Zoë, would never see his vision brought to

life - he died of cancer later that year. Shakespeare's Globe opened its doors to the public in 1997, welcoming people into the open-air theatre for the first time in more than 350 years.

It now takes touring productions to audiences around the country and this year's show, directed by Raz Shaw, should be a magical experience in a stunning outdoor setting. Shakespeare's captivating comedy remains a huge favourite with audiences for its sparkling wit, unrequited love and fantasy.

Set in the forests of Athens, the play follows the amusing antics of four young people who find themselves at the mercy of a mischievous fairy. Hermia loves Lysander, but is due to marry Demetrius against her will. When the Duke of Athens orders that the marriage goes ahead, the couple elope and are pursued into the forests by the rejected Demetrius. In turn, he is followed by his devoted admirer Helena, who cannot give up her unrequited love for him.

The quartet stumbles into the midst of the fairy court, at a time when there is unrest between the King and Queen. When a strong love potion and a group of bumbling actors are introduced into the mix, it is a recipe for misunderstandings, unexplained crushes and chaos.

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The pageantry of Tudor England will come to life again as musicians, retainers and the King's lady also visit the castle. Visitors are invited to step back in time and experience what royal life was like 500 years ago.

For more information, call 0870 333 1181 or visit www.english-heritage.org.uk.



CHAS 'N' DAVE

Friday, June 26
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

PERENIALLY popular duo Chas 'n' Dave will be visiting Kent again this week with their inimitable brand of rock and roll.

Like other great artists such as Ian Dury and Squeeze, the Cockney pair rose to fame with their witty songs about London life. Reflecting the tradition of both music hall acts and some of their contemporaries, Chas 'n' Dave paid affectionate tribute to the absurdities of modern life in their own robust style.

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The show has been created by Inspiration Inclusive Youth Theatre, a group that welcomes young people of all abilities and operates in a 'total communication' environment. Run by Zoë and Peter Hammond, with the aid of award-winning volunteers, the group includes those who are considered to have special educational needs and some are deaf with additional needs.

Although many of the young people involved could have joined mainstream theatre groups, the organisers are delighted

Chas Hodges and Dave Peacock were already established on the British rock scene of the 60s and early 70s when they got together. With the help of musician-turned-plumber Mick Burt on drums, they formed the band that was to influence new rock acts to this day.

The duo has made frequent television appearances and count many contemporary bands among their fans. This concert will include many of their most popular songs such as Gertcha, The Sideboard Song, Ain't No Pleasing You and Rabbit.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50/£15. To book, call 0844 847 1776 or visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



that they have chosen to take part in this inclusive project. Inspiration Inclusive Youth Theatre is sponsored by Hornby Hobbies and earlier this year, it received three years' funding from BBC Children in Need.

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All meals are produced in-house, including pate, chutneys and desserts.

Folk music has just been introduced for Sunday evenings, starting at 7pm, and there is also a barbecue.

Quizzes take place on Wednesdays and Tuesday is steak night.

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The pub started life as just a timber-framed hut with a thatched roof, but by the 17th century ale was being brewed on the premises.

During the Napoleonic Wars the village was the stronghold of the Aldington Gang – ruthless smugglers who roamed the nearby Romney Marsh area.

The ghost of one such smuggler – George Ransley – is said to haunt the pub, and in the garden is a well, down which a local was thrown after being shot.

The atmosphere just adds to the fine dining on offer – homecooked food, Sunday roasts and sizzling grillstones, which are popular way to prepare the food.

Tuesdays is senior citizen lunches with



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He moved to Kent to enjoy the excellent beaches, history, close links with London and Europe, good schools and friendly village life.

The pub doesn't try to do anything or be anything that it is not – it offers good simple food in a traditional pub environment.

It does have a huge garden with a bouncy castle for children and plans in preparation include a beer festival for August Bank Holiday while the pumpkin day on the first Sunday of October is always a major event, featuring bands, entertainments and stalls.

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Both books are published by Amberley Publishing, priced at £12.99.

Signed kids' books will go like hot Angel Cakes

INTERNATIONAL best-selling children's author Cathy Cassidy will visit Bluewater this weekend.

She will be signing copies of her new book Angel Cake. It tells the story of a young Polish girl who moves to Britain, where things are not working out until she meets a boy called Dan.

Cassidy will be at Waterstone's at 1pm on Saturday. Angel Cake is published by Puffin Books, priced at £10.99, and will be available early at the book-signing.

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A FOLKESTONE campsite is officially cool, says travel writer Jonathan Knight.

The author of Cool Camping: England has named The Warren, below the White Cliffs, as one of his favourite camping spots in the country.

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Cantona blows his own trumpet on big screen

BY KATE WHITING

SEAGULL-related philosophical musings, formidable footballing talent and a dramatic approach to the beautiful game.

The characteristics could only apply to one man: Eric Cantona.

Now the subject of the Ken Loach-directed film *Looking For Eric*, it won't surprise fans to learn that the idea came originally from the larger-than-life Frenchman himself.

In it, Cantona appears in front of depressed United fan Eric Bishop (Steve Evets) and counsels him in his time of need.

Back in France, the 43-year-old has been appearing on the silver screen for more than a decade, but in Britain we're more likely to remember him for that kung fu-style kick at a Crystal Palace fan back in 1995.

Following the incident the footballer compared journalists to "seagulls" following his "trawler" hoping for "sardines" – a statement which revealed the depths of his philosophical mind, and perhaps a slightly unhinged personality.

Cantona spent his ensuing nine-month ban out of trouble and learned to play the trumpet.

"When I was banned for nine months, I needed to focus on something else," he says, in a heavy French accent, when we meet at an elegant London hotel.

"I admire lots Miles Davis and Chet Baker, and I like the sentiment [of the trumpet], so I tried, I learned, I practised for a few months and I stopped after."

During a meeting with *Looking For Eric* writer Paul Laverty, Cantona's secret talent was revealed, laying the groundwork for a surreal scene on the balcony of an inner-city



CHIC: Eric Cantona exudes confidence

block of flats in which Cantona plays the Marseillaise.

The film would probably never have come about but for Cantona and his brothers, who approached Loach with the idea.

"We wrote two pages of a story and wanted to make some kind of movie," says Cantona, exuding confidence and looking effortlessly chic in a grey shirt, with sunglasses dangling from his neck.

"Ken Loach was the first name we thought of, but it was a dream. We met Ken and Paul

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and they read the two pages and said 'Yes, from that we can do something'."

Loach admits he initially thought Cantona's request to meet him was "a joke" but says he would have swum the Channel to meet Eric.

Cantona first appears to distraught postman Eric Bishop in his bedroom. Eric is in pieces after a car accident caused by the thought of meeting the love of his life – his ex-wife Lily – whom he walked out on years earlier.

While the film plays in part like a homage to his career at United, Cantona is adamant that it will appeal to all fans – and even non-fans.

"It's not only a film about the relationship between fans and their idol, it's also a love story, a story of a depressed man who has a difficult relationship with his stepchildren."

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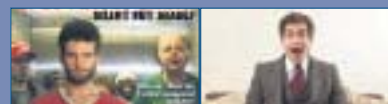
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Time to vote for your top ten Farmers

THE votes are in for Lounge on the Farm's online competition offering ten main-stage slots to up-and-coming Kent acts.

The You Say They Play contest drew entries from 143 singers and bands and saw more than 17,000 music fans vote for the semi-finalists, dubbed the Farmer's Fifty.

Now it's up to LOTF ticketholders to whittle that number down to ten.

LOTF's Matt Gough said the competition had been a huge success.

He said: "We're pretty confident that the Farmer's Fifty will feature the most popular and deserving Kentish bands on the circuit."

"Emails will be sent to all ticketholders for Lounge on the Farm 2009 this week, with

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

them holding the key to selecting ten of the final Farmer's Fifty bands."

The semi-finalists include Billy Wears Dresses, Needs Must, Neon Skies, The Deccas, Salvador Charlie and The Razz.

We don't have enough room to print the full 50 hopefuls, but listed right is every third band from the alphabetically-arranged list.

They all hope to securing a place on the Merton Farm three-day bill, alongside the likes of Edwyn Collins, The Horrors, Mr Scruff, Billy Childish and The Musicians of the British Empire, and Dub Pistols.

Lounge runs from Friday to Sunday, July 10-12. Go to www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.



HOPEFUL: The Deccas are among the bands vying for a slot at Lounge on the Farm

Selected Farmer's Fifty

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

-  **RIVER COTTAGE: SUMMER'S HERE**
BBC1, 9pm, Wednesday
-  **QUESTION TIME**
BBC One, 10.35pm, Thursday

CURLY-haired gardener-turned-cook Hugh Fearnly-Whitshisface is back on our screens for another trip down the road of all things self-sufficient and rustic with his latest programme, *River Cottage Summer's Here*.

I've long since lost count of how many *River Cottage* series there have been, but it's a lot, a helluva lot, and is on its way to becoming something of a British institution.

It's an enviable life he leads, old Hugh.

What some of us wouldn't give for a lifestyle like his, pootling about the West Country in his Land Rover, with little more on his mind than organising a hog roast for his village neighbours, where his next batch of pumpkin soup is coming from, or taking part in a fishing competition to see if he can cook what he can catch – even if it is a pike caught from a murky, muddy river.

In the hands of anyone else, this would come across as patronising and a bit sanctimonious, but Hugh has a geeky enthusiasm that never gets too irritating.

There's always a sense of adventure, too, as he knocks up long-forgotten recipes and experiments with food and produce that many would balk at.

Cooking slugs two weeks ago was maybe a bridge too far, but he may have a point.

We keep being told that the world will soon be in the midst of a food crisis, with barely enough to go round.

Perhaps it is time to try that earwig au gratin after all.



BACK TO BASICS: Hugh Fearnley-Whittinghall is back with his popular *River Cottage* series

Special mention must go to *Question Time* at the moment.

It's been in rip-snorting form, helping to further lance the reputations of MPs up and down the land.

Margaret Beckett found it hard to talk the other week due to the booing she received at the hands of a rabid, angry audience.

At the height of the story one show was even brought forward to a prime-time slot to capitalise on the drubbing the panel was set to receive.

It was all rather joyous.

In these times of troubled politics the show is turning out to be ruddy good fun, proving that every cloud really does have a silver lining.

Just don't tell our elected ones, they may well try to claim it back on their expenses.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
HOME is where the heart is. Spend this week tackling those odd jobs you've been meaning to get done and dusted. If you've been thinking of introducing a special friend to the family, this is the time to do so. Everyone will get along swimmingly. A new job may force you to cancel plans.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
YOU attract admirers like bees to honey. A romance is a possibility. Don't worry what people will say about this; it makes perfect sense to the both of you. It may be wise to keep your distance from somebody who is always on a superiority trip. They will just spoil your fun.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
YOUR star is rising on the career front. Don't be surprised if you're rewarded for a job well done. If you're looking for work, you could find it with a company selling luxury goods. You may worry you're not qualified for this position, but don't let others see how you feel.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
LEAN on your best friend, lover, or fellow worker when uncertainty sets in. Their encouraging words will help you across the finish line. If you're single, you could meet someone special via an older friend. Going on a date with a group of people will be fun.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
POSITIVE feedback on your creative work is music to your ears. Signing a business contract will pay off handsomely. If you're not pleased with the terms you are initially offered, negotiate for a better deal. You could charm the birds from the trees this week.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
HAVING a crush on someone gives life a welcome splash of spice, but keep your feelings to yourself for a while. You'll have a welcome opportunity to go public in another few weeks. If you want to buy your own place, now is the time to take the plunge.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
A CHANCE to travel could come your way. Take advantage of discounted plane fares and hotel rates. You're very attractive to foreigners right now and may find the love of your life on an overseas trip. When choosing your destination, opt for a country famous for its natural beauty.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
A GREAT job offer could be coming your way, opening the door to new career possibilities. The chance to get paid for doing something you love is exhilarating. It may be necessary to act as an apprentice to an older, experienced colleague. Be sure to give them the respect they deserve.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
YOU could get a fabulous gift from someone special. Be sure to write a thank you note. A stable job is yours for the asking. The good part about this position is that involves a great deal of creativity. The tough part is that it may take you away from home a little bit more than you had expected.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
FRIENDS will give you encouragement and support for a creative project. It's nice to know you have a support team if things go wrong. A letter you've been waiting for finally arrives, and the news is good. This could be your big chance to get additional job training.

- To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
YOUR love life sizzles with excitement. Taking a casual romance a step further will be great fun. A lover's laid back approach to lovemaking leaves you breathless with desire. If you suffer from personal hang ups, now is the time to break through to the other side.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
THE clouds are finally parting, giving you a welcome opportunity to have fun. This is a lovely time to take a trip, embark on a romance, or launch a creative project. If you've been thinking of starting a family or settling down with someone special, get to work now.

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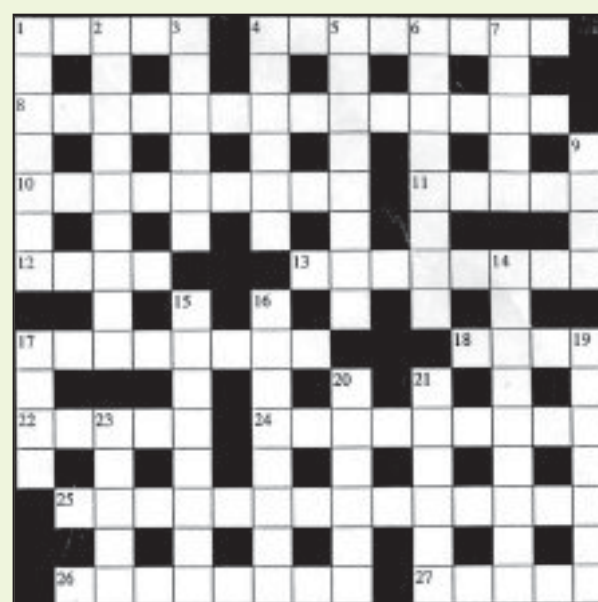
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- 1 We initially declare - or falter (5)
- 4 Not generous moment during intervening period (8)
- 8 Exercise done after slimming? (4-10)
- 10 Swan in the orchestra? (9)
- 11 Donkey goes round by chasm (5)
- 12 Some more efficient knot (4)
- 13 Gum Irene smeared over cake (8)
- 17 Lout wary about illegality (8)
- 18 Company completed masterstroke (4)
- 22 Brought down to earth (5)
- 24 Being sixteen puzzled engineers (9)
- 25 Number One storyteller (14)
- 26 Bathes in another alcoholic drink! (8)
- 27 Some embargo to be put on slang (5)

DOWN

- 1 Spider can be found in dictionary (7)
- 2 Oven vault cooking pastry-case (3-2-4)
- 3 Resort? Reprint (6)
- 4 May, before end of day, become very impressive (6)
- 5 Power of a lawyer? (8)
- 6 Tania included clown stopping short in the country (8)
- 7 Notes perhaps, one is in my possession (5)
- 9 Lady from Ellesmere (4)
- 14 Sufficient reason for putting greedy person next to animal (9)
- 15 Cooking at indoor extravaganza (8)
- 16 It is given as incentive to buy lavish present (4,4)
- 17 All right having mostly raw vegetable (4)
- 19 Buffoon causes jetty to collapse? (7)
- 20 It is used in advertising bells at Christmas (6)
- 21 A dish's upturned layers (6)
- 23 Fat and clumsy young pigeon (5)

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ACROSS

- 1 Nippon (5)
- 4 Purity (8)
- 8 News (7,7)
- 10 Yearly statement of income (3,6)
- 11 Quito (anag.) (5)
- 12 IOW resort (4)
- 13 Grass-cutter (8)
- 17 Vehicle frame (8)
- 18 Chilled (4)
- 22 Cross-line to finish a letter (5)
- 24 Odd character (9)
- 25 Former European country (14)
- 26 Boring work (8)
- 27 Enormous (5)

DOWN

- 1 Sailor (4,3)
- 2 Bleached (9)
- 3 Wanted (6)
- 4 Rustic (anag.) (6)
- 5 Fundamental relationship (8)
- 6 Restful (8)
- 7 Trunk (5)
- 9 Prison (4)
- 14 Scandalmonger (9)
- 15 Insincere (3-5)
- 16 Macabre (8)
- 17 Sunbathe (4)
- 19 Assert (7)
- 20 Isles off Cornwall (6)
- 21 Whine (6)
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Lakeside getaway

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

WHEN considering where to go in France, the Jura is one of those regions it would be easy to overlook.

It's not up there with Brittany, the Dordogne or the Loire. When you mention you're off there, there's a quizzical look and a bit of scratching of the head, until you say "it's midway down the east side of France just above the French Alps" and suddenly there's a flicker of understanding.

Yet for such an under-rated area it packs a rather powerful punch. Its landscape, much of it carved through the movement of glaciers, is

dramatic and lush. The forests and foliage blanket the area in deep greens, while streams, waterfalls and lakes are sprinkled liberally in between rising rock faces and plateaus.

It's close enough to the likes of Geneva and Lausanne and the rest of Switzerland for day trips to be varied, and with the majesty of the Alps an hour or so away, those who want a bit of snow-capped magnificence will come away happy too.



Perhaps most crucially, it is easily reachable in a day from Calais, if you don't mind six hours of driving. The rewards, rest assured, are worth it.

Our destination is Lac de Chalain, its deep, cool, crystal clear turquoise waters a magnet for fishermen, swimmers and anyone with a love of the water. It is also home to two of the region's most popular campsites.

At one end is the busy and bustling Domaine de Chalain; a huge site which sprawls into woodland and is surrounded by steep cliffs.

At the other is La Pergola – a far more relaxed, smaller site. Its steep terraces offer views across the lake and the surrounding greenery.

It is here we stay and it is here we remember that there is an art to a family holiday. My children – 16, 10 and seven – demand a diverse range of entertainment. My wife and I want peace and quiet, and safety for the kids to find themselves.

Holiday operator Eurocamp is reporting a healthy line of bookings this summer, despite the recession. The long-haul flight destination's loss is very much the accessible French campsite's gain, and Eurocamp is nothing if not family-friendly.

Its accommodation is hard to fault – we stay in a three-bedroom 'Superior' mobile home which boasts a Tardis-like amount of living space. With scorching weather it's hard to beat lounging on the terrace which comes with it – enjoying a glass of wine with a view over the lake.

With so much to see and do nearby, spending time on site seems almost wasted. Yet it's hard to resist. The large swimming pool is a real sun trap, while the beach which surrounds the lake gives you the freedom to do pretty much anything else. And everything is so gloriously clean.

If the weather takes a turn for the worse, a trip to the Eurocamp courier's tent reveals a pile of games, books and sports gear for you to borrow.

It's tough in these times for a family holiday to still excite, enthrall and deliver all the memories we have come to demand – and fit ever-shrinking budgets. Yet the sums still add up here.

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• Chris Britcher was a guest of Eurocamp at the La Pergola site in the Jura region.



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PRICE INCLUDES: Escorted from London • Return Rail travel from London to Milan • 1 night B&B in Paris outbound • 4 nights at the 3-star Best Western ALA Hotel, Venice with 1 dinner and 4 breakfasts • 1 night B&B in Milan on return journey • Guided tour of Venice Highlights • All transfers abroad

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PROPERTY NEWS

Bank making it easier for parents to help out

LLOYDSTSB has just launched a mortgage deal that allows parents to help their children buy their first home without having to make a big cash gift.

Called Lend a Hand, the scheme offers first-time buyers a 95 per cent loan-to-value (LTV) mortgage at a fixed rate of 4.39 per cent, provided parents hold enough savings with Lloyds.

This way, parents retain ownership of their savings, which earn a fixed rate of 3.5 per cent for three-and-a-half years, but LloydsTSB takes a legal charge on these monies.

The savings will generally need to be 20 per cent of the property's value and, if the borrower defaults on the mortgage, the bank can claim the cash.

However, after the three-and-a-half years, if loan repayments and/or rising house prices have taken the LTV down to 90 per cent or less, the bank will remove its charge on the savings and the first-time buyer then continues to operate the mortgage independently.

The mortgage deal also requires the first-time buyer to put down a five per cent cash deposit and there is a fee of £995.

Gap is closing between asking and selling price

THE majority of surveyors – almost 60 per cent – are now reporting that the gap between asking and selling price is narrowing, research has revealed.

Last August, results of the same survey by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors revealed that the gap was widening.

Across the UK, houses are selling at an average of 11 per cent below the asking price, with sellers in some regions being forced to accept as much as 26 per cent discount off their advertised price.

Brigid O'Leary, RICS senior economist, said: "The improvement in sentiment that has been captured in recent housing market surveys is reflected in a narrowing in the gap between asking and selling prices.

"As new instructions continue to decline, a lack of supply is providing some support to house prices.

"Even so, some caution is still warranted. While the pace of the downturn may be easing, the housing market will still be challenged by an uncertain economic backdrop, the threat of rising unemployment and continued restrictions on mortgage finance."



Drop in homelessness welcomed by charity

BY NICK AMES

HOUSEHOLDS classified as homeless are down by more than a quarter, according to the latest Government figures.

The new figures issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government show the number of people accepted as homeless by local authorities in England was down 26 per cent on last year.

Between January and March, the numbers fell to 11,350, down from 15,430 last year.

The largest year-on-year decrease in the number of households in temporary accommodation was also highlighted in the figures, which had reduced by 17 per cent.

However, there were still some 64,000 households in temporary accommodation at the end of March this year.

The Government's target is to reduce the number of households in temporary accommodation to 50,500 by next year.

Housing minister John Healey said: "We've made homelessness a high priority with the biggest-ever cash injection of £220 million over three years to tackle and prevent homelessness. Today's figures are testament to the hard work put in by local authorities and other agencies.

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"At the same time we're helping families and first-time buyers into affordable homes through our £8 billion housing programme, bringing forward £550 million to provide thousands more social homes sooner and real help now for those at risk of repossession."

Topping the number of acceptances as the reason for homelessness was parents, relatives or friends being no longer willing or able to accommodate them.

Next, with 19 per cent of cases, was the breakdown of a relationship, often due to domestic violence, closely followed by the ending of an assured shorthold tenancy.

The smallest group, with three per cent, were made homeless due to mortgage arrears, falling slightly from the previous five quarters.

Sam Younger, chief executive of Shelter, said: "Any drop in new cases of homelessness is to be welcomed, provided it is brought about by genuine work to prevent people from losing their homes in the first place.

"But the fact remains that 64,000 households are still housed in temporary accommodation, lacking the safety and security of a permanent home.

"The only real way to lift people out of homelessness is to urgently build more affordable homes to ensure that everyone has a decent, secure home of their own."



CASE STUDY: The number of people registered as homeless has fallen by more than a quarter over the past year

Lending up as buying gets more affordable

NEW mortgages for home-buyers rose 16 per cent in April, according to the latest figures – but there are still fewer than at the same time last year.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders calculations showed an upswing in the number of people buying properties. However, the level of 35,600 mortgages is still 28 per cent down on a year ago.

The number of remortgage products has continued to fall as borrowers continue to sit happily on low standard variable rates.

Mortgages to first-time buyers were up 11 per cent in April on the month before – but still down 28 per cent on a year ago.

The average loan-to-value level for first-time buyers was 75 per cent – compared with 89 per cent a year ago.

Income multiples have also fallen from 3.33 to 2.96 – meaning first-time buyers looking to take advantage of falling house prices are able to borrow less and need larger deposits.

However, buying is becoming more affordable, with first-time buyers committing 15 per cent of income to pay mortgage interest, the lowest proportion since May 2004.

Ashley Brown, managing director of mortgage broker Moniesprite, said: "First-time buyers are crucial to any property market recovery, so an 11 per cent increase in first-time buyer loans is encouraging.

"Affordability is the key, and the combination of low prices, lenders easing borrowing criteria and buyers having the funds to put down 25 per cent deposits is making house-purchasing the most affordable it's been for some time."

The CML data also showed a rise in the number of people opting for fixed-rate mortgages – and long-term fixes.

CML head of research Bob Pannell said: "With the interest rate cycle now at its floor, an increasing proportion of borrowers are taking out fixed rates, including for longer-term periods of five-ten years."



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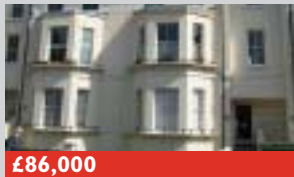
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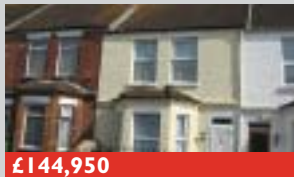
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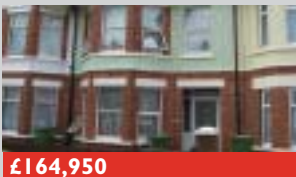
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MOTORS NEWS



More powerful IQ looks set to be a clever move

TOYOTA'S impressive but premium priced IQ city car gets a power boost in July with the launch of a new 1.33-litre petrol version.

The 99bhp IQ3 is priced at £11,495 (manual) and £12,495 ('Multidrive' auto), sitting above current 67bhp 1.0-litre IQ versions from £9,495.

The IQ seats three adults and, possibly, a child in a fourth seat yet still averages nearly 60mpg thanks to 'Stop & Start' automatically cutting the engine when the car stops at the lights, for instance, and then re-firing it.



Honda restarts Civic in bid to kick-start sales

HONDA has just restarted production of the Civic family hatchback at its Swindon plant, and now aims to kick-start sales again with deals saving as much as £2,000.

Buyers can have £1,200 off the 1.4-litre i-VTEC Civic Type S hot hatch Type-R lookalike, for instance – now £13,550.

The Type R GT itself though, is on sale for just £17,980 – two grand off normal list price.

Honda dealers can help out on these and other tempting Civic deals with zero per cent finance too.



More materialistic Astra coming your way soon

VAUXHALL has made 'packaging' the watchword for the eye-catching Astra, due later this year.

The current car boosted interior quality, but its replacement aims even higher and rethinks storage solutions while cleverly echoing the 'blade' theme of the classy exterior – expressed by details like the gooseneck shape of the door grab handles.

Innovations include two removable compartments for the glove compartment, plus a second mini-glove box, while reaffirming the need for a 12v socket for young rear passengers' MP3 players and games consoles.



ECONOMIC? The Ford Focus EcoNetic presses the right buttons when it comes to eco-friendly driving, but you will have to pay the price to do your bit for the environment

Eco version of UK's star car doesn't come cheap

LIKE a dose of medicine, eco-friendly cars will make the world feel better long term, but they can be hard to swallow now.

Drive one and you laud the cleverness of the carmaker, yet choke on some big 'buts'.

Common minuses are tortoise-like acceleration as a price for miserly motorway cruising and hard compound, low-rolling resistance tyres that are great for mpg stats but evoke unwanted nostalgia about cornering a Citroën 2CV.

Fortunately, the taste left from 'greening' Britain's perennial best-selling car is less bitter than most – providing you can pay extra for it.

For the Ford Focus 1.6 TDCi EcoNetic starts at £17,495 for a three-door – prices for the same 90PS (89bhp) diesel engine in standard form start from around £1,500 less and you get two extra doors thrown in.

What the EcoNetic brings instead is an average mpg in the mid-60s – around 3mpg better than the mainstream version – plus a lower suspension/body, rear spoiler and a set of 'eco' tyres, all to cut drag and fuel consumption.

ROAD TEST FORD FOCUS ECONETIC

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Emissions are slightly lower too, but the road tax (£35/year) remains the same.

So, if it is more important to you to be 'eco', as in 'economy' rather than eco-friendly, the EcoNetic is a non-starter on paper; you will never recoup that money unless you pull off a stunning deal at the start – and Ford list prices can be amazingly flexible if you speak seriously to dealers, or you are a company.

However, this is a greener car you can drive without being constantly reminded of sacrifice for the environment; the EcoNetic is surprisingly lively though the tyres will rebuke you for exploiting the well-poised Focus chassis and the electronic stability control fitted as standard across the range.

You might say that there is little point in buying an eco-friendly car if you intend to chuck it about as soon as you hit some clear tarmac – good point.

And having paid handsomely for the EcoNetic, wasting fuel and tyres afterwards is a pretty silly thing to do, but it does show that a fine car has not been emasculated.

You also get all the other Focus benefits: good build quality, well-arranged cabin, good accommodation and comfort and a decent ride.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

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IT is an ill wind that does not blow somebody some good, so recessions are a chance for the cash-rich to buy used examples of aspirational cars. The BMW 3-Series, Audi A4 and Mercedes C-Class compact executive stars, are prime targets for shrewd buyers as hard-pressed owners or companies liquidate assets to shore up overall finances. And if you are not fixated on a diesel, the bargains are even better on cars like the legendary BMW 3-Series straight-six petrol models, with a choice of saloon, coupe, Touring (estate) or Convertible.

BMW 3 SERIES



REGARDED as the No1 compact executive model for driving pleasure and sheer swank value, the used 3-Series' prestige crown is threatened by the numbers available, plus pressure from the Audi, Merc and other plausible rivals. There is plenty of choice, from previous generation Compact hatchbacks to stylish estates and up to barnstorming M3 supercars as well as four and two-door stalwarts. Top engines are the classic BMW straight-six petrol and some smooth diesels – especially the huge-selling six-speed 320d variants.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

AUDI A4



AUDI'S ambitious compact executive challenger used to be seen as an also-ran hampered by front-wheel drive rather than the 'purists' choice' – rear-wheel drive – used by the rival BMW and Merc. However, the overall rise of Audi and cachet of its Quattro all-wheel drive versions turned the A4 into the 'thinking man's choice', though numbers in circulation and some ill-judged customisation of used examples could be undermining that. It under-achieves on the driving front, but lacks nothing in engineering.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

MERCEDES BENZ C-CLASS



MERCEDES-BENZ put down a marker with the latest C-Class, creating a robust car almost as good to drive as the BMW and arguably better looking than either of its fiercest rivals. Combined with the most prestigious badge of the German trio, this makes the current 'C' sought after on the nearly new market, though previous generation cars are less so thanks to a period of poorer built and reliability. This means there are bargains – diesel estates are the pick.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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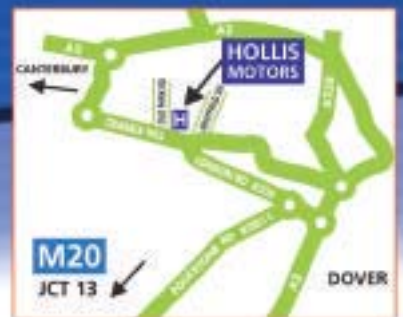
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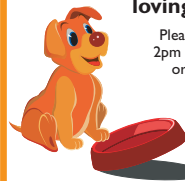
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CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

Kent League Division One

Sandwich Town 1st XI v Orpington 1st XI

AN IMPRESSIVE knock by Craig Snell helped Sandwich Town move into the promotion places in Division One, with a comprehensive five wicket victory.

Sandwich went into the game in third position, hoping to put pressure on second-placed The Mote, who have been on a poor run of form.

The home side won the toss and elected to field, which they would have regretted once Orpington's Patrick Joseph came to the crease. He provided strong resistance to Sandwich's bowlers and hit 73 before being stumped by Gavin Lawrence.

The breakthrough proved to be key, as the wickets of Paul Sheddon and Christopher Watts quickly followed. Paul Schmidt (63) rescued Orpington before van Poppel claimed his second wicket of the afternoon.

Sandwich bowled economically throughout, limiting Orpington to 190 for 7.

Snell gave Sandwich the best start possible in reply, as he quickly notched 77 to give the remaining batsmen a platform for victory.

However, his partner David Scoggins was unable to follow in his footsteps and was run out for 22. Robert Goatham followed shortly after, bowled by Neil Bradford.

Vishaul Singh (34) and David Draper (29) put Sandwich back on course for victory and Town won the game in the 39th over.

Sandwich hope to maintain their second place in the division, with a trip to struggling Folkestone this Saturday.

Sandwich move into promotion territory



AT THE CREASE: Sandwich Town's batsmen successfully chased down Orpington to move into second place in Division One

SCOREBOARD

Orpington

	Runs
Patrick Joseph st Lawrence b van Poppel	73
Paul Sheddon ct Goatham b Bradley	11
Christopher Watts ct Lawrence b Spanton	9
Paul Schmidt ct Lawrence b van Poppel	63
David Robinson run out van Poppel	9
Ben Clarkson run out van Poppel	11
Bobby Jones b Goatham	2
Alex Watts not out	2
Neil Bradford not out	4
Stephen Ingram did not bat	
Richard Hall did not bat	
Extras (4b 1lb 1w)	6
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	190

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	10	1	32	1
Jack Bradley	8	2	28	1
Craig Snell	9	1	39	0
Matthew van Poppel	15	1	50	2
Robert Goatham	8	0	36	1

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Craig Snell ct Watts b Ingram	77
David Scoggins run out	22
Robert Goatham b Bradford	1
Vishaul Singh ct Sheddon b Watts	34
Stuart Smith lbw b Watts	6
David Draper not out	29
James Bolt not out	6
Gavin Lawrence did not bat	
Craig Spanton did not bat	
Matthew van Poppel did not bat	
Jack Bradley did not bat	
Extras (9lb 7w)	16
Total (5 wickets, 38.5 overs)	191

Batters

	0	M	R	W
Patrick Joseph	75	1	36	0
Neil Bradford	12	2	59	1
Stephen Ingram	9	1	41	1
Paul Schmidt	7	3	29	0
Christopher Watts	3	0	17	2

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Deal Victoria & Barnes Close 1st XI v Sandwich Town 3rd XI

CHARLES Mailli fell four runs short of hitting a century in a narrow 14 run defeat against Sandwich 3rd's.

Sandwich set a high target of 266 for Deal Victoria to chase after an impressive performance with the bat, including an unbeaten 112 from Stephen Murphy.

With a high score to chase down Deal made a disappointing start, losing both openers early on. However, Mailli's 96 and Matthew Carley's 47 put them back on track. The tail did their best to chip away at the target, but ran out of overs.

Sandwich Town

	Runs
Tony Curwen lbw b Hinkins	4
Clive Thurgate ct Moran b McNamara	41
Daniel Burgess b Hinkins	0
David Scarr st Hudson b Moran	43
Dean Scoggins ct Carley b Mailli	22
Stephen Murphy not out	112
Andy Chapman run out	3
Liam Evans ct Furness b Killip	19
Chris Smith not out	9
Ben Thurgate did not bat	
Liam Martin did not bat	
Extras (7b 5lb 1w)	13
Total (7 wickets, 46 overs)	266

Batters	0	M	R	W
Alex Hinkins	6	0	27	2
Sam Killip	94	1	75	1
Stephen Moran	92	0	45	1
Graham McNamara	12	0	39	1
Charles Mailli	9	0	68	1

Deal Victoria & Barnes Close

	Runs
Andrew Furness b Smith	4
Mark Birkett ct Martin b Evans	7
Charles Mailli st Curwen b Thurgate	96
Matthew Carley b Thurgate	47
Robbie Brannan b Chapman	12
Sam Killip run out	1
Stephen Moran ct Murphy b Evans	3
Scott McNamara ct Scoggins b Thurgate	16
Alex Hinkins b Evans	2
Matthew Hudson not out	29
Graham McNamara not out	14
Extras (10b 1lb 9w 1nb)	21
Total (9 wickets, 46 overs)	252

Batters	0	M	R	W
Chris Smith	12	2	55	1
Liam Evans	12	0	63	3
Stephen Murphy	8	0	64	0
Clive Thurgate	11	0	47	3
Andy Chapman	3	0	12	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Whitstable 1st XI v Hythe 1st XI

MAX Campbell helped guide Whitstable to a four wicket win against Hythe with a brisk century.

Hythe began the game with intent and Christopher Slee fell just seven short of his century; bowled by Ben Trott.

With Hythe all out for 261, Whitstable needed their batsmen to be on their best form. Campbell answered the call as he hit 12 fours and a six on the way to 100.

The innings was slowed by Hythe's bowlers before Tom Richardson (60) put Whitstable back on track. The home side hit the winning runs in the final over, with just two balls to spare.

Hythe

	Runs
Leon Morgan ct Trott b Gould	75
Christopher Slee b Trott	93
Jon Smith ct Mills b Gould	16
Dan Furnival ct Rasheed b Campbell	32
Daniel Patching ct Denly b Campbell	0
Richard Perkins ct Denly b Mills	5
Sam Butler ct Hardy b Campbell	17
Hamish Morrison ct Rasheed b Trott	12
Jago Pearson ct Mills b Trott	0
Ben Dwyer not out	2
Patrick Owen lbw b Trott	0
Extras (1b 1lb 3w 4nb)	9
Total (all out, 47.3 overs)	261

Batters	0	M	R	W
James Mills	4	0	39	1
Ben Trott	133	3	58	4
Jason Logan	4	0	39	0
Duncan Hardy	12	0	29	0
Josh Gould	6	0	75	3
Max Campbell	8	2	19	3

Whitstable

	Runs
Max Campbell ct Slee b Owen	100
Nadir Rasheed ct Smith b Dwyer	8
Sam Denly ct Perkins b Patching	24
Tom Richardson ct Morgan b Morrison	60
James Loader ct Perkins b Owen	2
Ben Trott not out	14
Byron Gould b Dwyer	31
James Mills not out	1
Josh Gould did not bat	
Jason Logan did not bat	
Duncan Hardy did not bat	
Extras (9b 3lb 9w 1nb)	22
Total (6 wickets, 49.4 overs)	262

Batters	0	M	R	W
Daniel Patching	15	1	62	1
Ben Dwyer	114	0	76	2
Patrick Owen	13	0	56	2
Hamish Morrison	9	1	54	1
Christopher Slee	1	0	2	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Sibton Park 1st XI v Hayes 1st XI

SIBTON Park maintained their lead at the top of the division with a 70-run win.

Park only made 152 from their allotted 50 overs as their batting line up struggled to find runs early on. Ben Carberry top scored with 35, as Hayes bowlers dominated. Peter Edmonds was the pick, finishing with figures of 2 for 14.

However, Sibton's bowlers were even more impressive and set up the victory. Andy Allon produced a man of the match performance, taking 5 for 19. Hayes' batting line up collapsed and they were bowled out for 81.

Sibton Park

	Runs
George Leadbetter lbw b Edmonds	16
Andy Allon b Eddicott	4
Jamie Keeler ct O'Rourke b Edmonds	3
Ben Carberry lbw b Askew	35
Craig Coleman lbw b Eddicott	0
Martin Wren b O'Rourke	7
Steve Hobbs lbw b Askew	25
Steven Rowe ct Cross b Askew	27
Sam Newman not out	15
Tim Smith not out	10
Trevor Lewis did not bat	
Extras (1b 7lb 2w)	10
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)	152

Batters	0	M	R	W
Stuart Eddicott	10	0	30	2
Peter Edmonds	7	2	14	2
Andrew O'Rourke	15	2	41	1
Jamie Askew	15	2	44	3
Joel Coudrey	3	0	15	0

Hayes

	Runs
O'Neil Blake ct Hobbs b Allon	17
Steven Taylor b Rowe	4
Jamie Askew ct Rowe b Smith	18
James Bamber lbw b Rowe	24
Oliver Williams lbw b Smith	0
David Cross run out Leadbetter	0
Beau Coudrey ct Hobbs b Allon	0
Joel Coudrey lbw b Allon	7
Andrew O'Rourke ct Keeler b Allon	2
Stuart Eddicott lbw b Allon	0
Peter Edmonds not out	0
Extras (4lb 3w 2nb)	9
Total (all out, 36.1 overs)	81

Batters	0	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	101	3	30	2
Trevor Lewis	7	4	16	0
Tim Smith	7	3	7	2
Andy Allon	10	3	19	5
Sam Newman	1	1	0	0
George Leadbetter	1	0	5	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Walmer 1st XI v Bexleyheath 1st XI

DESPITE Walmer's Mark Parnell hitting an unbeaten 82, points were shared as the game ended in a rare tie.

Bexleyheath batted first and started a brisk pace with Chris Shears (85) and Archie Woodgate (50). With the score at 247 for 5 Bexleyheath declared, believing they had done enough for victory.

However, Walmer produced a good response despite a slow start. Parnell's 82 brought them right back into the game. The run scoring continued and in the 52nd over Walmer needed one to win but lost their last wicket which saw the game end in a tie.

Bexleyheath

	Runs
Phil Wiseman lbw b P Butler	11
Pat Heath ct Parnell b S Butler	28
Chris Shears ct Butler b Green	85
Ravi Patel ct Cowlishaw b Parnell	14
Raquin Bosumia ct North b Parnell	0
Archie Woodgate not out	50
Chris Hobbs not out	5
Jack Woods did not bat	
Grantleigh Burnham did not bat	
Richard Howes did not bat	
Phillip Bone did not bat	
Extras (3b 9lb 35w 7nb)	54
Total (5 wickets dec, 48 overs)	247

Batters	0	M	R	W
Barry Green	7	0	43	1
Paul Butler	9	1	34	1
Stuart Butler	9	3	28	1
Mark Parnell	9	1	62	2
Peter Huntley	8	0	34	0
Edwin Cowlishaw	6	0	34	0

Walmer

	Runs
Martyn North run out	13
Rod Cotton ct Howes b Hobbs	8
Stuart Butler b Burnham	14
Joe Wilcox ct Bone b Burnham	9
Mark Parnell not out	82
Peter Morris ct Woods b Bone	11
Martin Pearce ct Burnham b Woodgate	41
Paul Butler lbw b Hobbs	0
Barry Green ct Wiseman b Woodgate	2
Edwin Cowlishaw lbw b Hobbs	25
Peter Huntley run out	4
Extras (5b 10lb 13w 10nb)	38
Total (all out, 51.5 overs)	247

Batters	0	M	R	W
Jack Woods	7	1	31	0
Grantleigh Burnham	14.5	3	76	2
Phillip Bone	8	2	35	1
Chris Hobbs	15	3	50	3
Ravi Patel	3	0	15	0
Archie Woodgate	4	0	25	2

County face an anxious wait over Parnell

Picture ADY KERRY



TALENT: Wayne Parnell hopes to return to Kent, but South Africa may block the move

WAYNE Parnell's rise to fame in the ICC World Twenty20 could impact on his return to Kent as their overseas player, according to skipper Rob Key.

The county's director of cricket, Graham Ford told our sister paper Kent on Sunday last week the South Africa international's return to Canterbury might not be as simple as first thought after watching his stock rise in recent weeks.

Key, who watched Parnell take 3 for 14 against England to help beat his side by seven wickets in the Super Eights stage, said the 19-year-old is a precocious talent.

He said: "In the next couple of years I think he will be one of the best cricketers in the world, but I think he is probably getting there a bit quicker than I thought. People like that are like gold dust for countries so they are going to

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be very careful about him. He's 19 years old and bowls and bats as he does, so he is only going one way if he stays fit."

While the left-arm fast bowler continues to get rave reviews for his performances on the big stage, the likelihood of him returning to St Lawrence, despite him wanting to play again for Kent, looks bleak.

With both Amjad Khan returning and Robbie Joseph in good form, Key believes their availability as a new ball pairing will soften the blow.

He said: "At the moment we have Amjad Khan and Robbie Joseph who are both England qualified running into bowl and to be honest they are as good a new ball attack in the country."

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Picture ADY KERRY

IN THE DARK: Hove floodlights went out during game

Coach Willis says Hove debacle will unite his squad

KENT'S highly controversial Duckworth/Lewis defeat to Sussex at Hove will help spur the players on to progress in the Twenty20 Cup, according to county coach Simon Willis.

The Spitfires lost by two runs in the game on June 4 after a generator fuel pump broke, leaving eight floodlights unlit all night.

While the club are still smarting about the defeat and the missed opportunity of topping the South Division, Willis believes the incident will help galvanise the squad in their attempts to progress, which continue today against Surrey at The Oval.

He said: "I think in the past the players have shown that when we have had things go against us like the Worcester incident in 2007 and the points loss at Maidstone a few years ago, it brought us together. I'm sure the Sussex incident is going to do that again.

"The guys did feel harshly treated considering the cricket they played in that match so I'm sure that will bring us together as a unit and help us perform."

After playing two County Championship games tightly sandwiched right in the middle of the domestic Twenty20 competition, the Spitfires now again turn their attention to a different format. Willis admits the difference makes preparation far from ideal.

"You just can't get into any rhythm," he said. "You start a tournament and then suddenly it finishes and goes in a different direction, so that's been a bit unsettling."

Skipper Rob Key is back after returning from England duty, but has warned his side they need to take their opportunities if they are to progress in the competition.

He said: "We are in the toughest group by far for Twenty20 cricket and we have had our opportunities to be right at the top of it, but we've not taken them. We should be making sure we go through in the Twenty20 and that's going to be a big test."



Picture PHIL HOUGHTON

TOP TRAINING: Australian skipper Ricky Ponting (left) was able to give Kent players Phil Edwards (middle) and Warren Lee (right) some bowling pointers

Kent youngsters get to mix it with the Aussies

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BY GLENN PEARSON

IT'S not every day you get to bowl against the cream of the world's cricketing talent, but for Kent's Academy youngsters it's becoming a regular thing.

Seven of the county's Academy and development squad were given the chance of a lifetime when they were asked to bowl at the Australian Test squad, who arrived in Kent last week to use the county's facilities in Beckenham.

Skipper Ricky Ponting and his squad visited the Worsley Bridge Road ground last Thursday to step up their preparations ahead of the Ashes series that begins with the first Test in Cardiff on July 8. Kent Academy youngsters Maurice Holmes, Adam Ball, Adam Riley and Matt Coles, together with 2nd XI players Phil Edwards, Warren Lee and

Charlie Hemphrey, were used as net bowlers during the session where they got the opportunity to bowl to the likes of Mike Hussey, Michael Clarke and Brad Haddin.

For seam bowler Phil Edwards, 25, who made his County Championship debut in Kent's first game of the season against Northamptonshire, rubbing shoulders with the likes of Australian pacemen Brett Lee and Mitchell Johnson can only help his game.

He said: "It was a really good experience standing next to Brett Lee getting ready to bowl, it was a bit surreal really. They were really good though, they all made an effort to talk to us during practice and gave us feedback about our bowling during the session which really helped."

Teenager Matt Coles left fast bowler Brett Lee, known to have some skill as a batsman, a little red faced after bowling him out during the session. The 18-year-old, who plays for Kent Premier League champions Hartley Country Club, was impressed with the Australians, particularly the likes of fast bowlers Lee, Johnson and Ben Hilfenhaus.

He said: "It's not every day you get to bowl with one of the best bowlers in the world, it was definitely a great experience. It was good to learn how they prepare to play on each wicket and the plans they have for each batsman, but they didn't tell us what they had planned for England's batters."

For Coles and several of his Academy teammates, it's not the first time they have been asked to bowl against top international batsmen. Two weeks ago, Kent's Academy group were invited to London to bowl against the Sri Lankans as preparation for the ICC World Twenty20. Academy director Phil Relf said that the experience, combined with training alongside the Australians, should benefit the young players in their goal of playing First-Class cricket for Kent.

"For our guys to get to bowl against the likes of Ricky Ponting, well that can only help their game," he said. "Hopefully it provided motivation and education from the world's best team and I'm sure they would be hard pressed not to have picked something up from watching them train."

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